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1           [There is no reportable action as a result of the  
2           Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THIS MORNING, THE INVOCATION WILL BE BY THE  
7   REVEREND MONSIGNOR DAVID A. SORK FROM ST. JOHN FISHER, RANCHO  
8   PALOS VERDES FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT. THE PLEDGE, BILL BERG,  
9   MEMBER OF THE POST NUMBER 603, VAN NUYS, JEWISH WAR VETERANS  
10  OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. WOULD YOU PLEASE  
11  STAND?

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13 **REVEREND MONSIGNOR DAVID A. SORK:** LORD GOD, YOU ALONE ARE THE  
14 SOURCE OF EVERY GOOD GIFT AND OF THE VAST ARRAY OF OUR  
15 UNIVERSE. AND THE MYSTERY OF EACH HUMAN LIFE. WE PRAISE YOU  
16 AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TENDER, FAITHFUL LOVE. EVERYTHING WE  
17 ARE AND EVERYTHING WE HAVE IS YOUR GIFT. FILL OUR MINDS WITH  
18 YOUR TRUTH, AND OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR LOVE THAT IN YOUR SPIRIT  
19 WE MAY BE BONDED TOGETHER IN A COMMUNITY OF CARING PEOPLE. WE  
20 PRAY FOR THE SUPERVISORS OF THIS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ALL  
21 OTHERS WHO ARE ENTRUSTED TO GUARD OUR POLITICAL WELFARE. MAY  
22 THEY BE ENABLED BY YOUR POWERFUL PROTECTION TO DISCHARGE THEIR  
23 DUTIES WITH HONESTY AND ABILITY. WE PRAY TO YOU, WHO ARE OUR  
24 LORD AND GOD FOREVER AND EVER, AMEN.

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1 **BILL BERG:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER  
2 YOUR HEART AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF  
3 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
8 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT A  
9 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MONSIGNOR DAVID SORK, WHO IS  
10 THE PASTOR, AS WE MENTIONED, AT ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH IN  
11 RANCHO PALOS VERDES. MONSIGNOR SORK BECAME PASTOR IN JUNE OF  
12 1999. HE EARNED HIS B.A. IN PHILOSOPHY AND M.A. IN RELIGION  
13 FROM ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE AND WAS ORDAINED IN 1970. HE RECEIVED  
14 A SECOND M.A. AND PHD IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FROM FORDHAM  
15 UNIVERSITY. PRIOR TO COMING TO ST. JOHN FISHER, HE WAS A  
16 PASTOR AT ST. LOUIS OF FRANCE IN LA PUENTE SINCE 1987.  
17 MONSIGNOR SORK IS A TRUE OLYMPIC FAN. HE HAS TRAVELED TO  
18 NUMEROUS SUMMER AND WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES. THIS YEAR WILL BE NO  
19 EXCEPTION, AS HE IS HEADED TO BEIJING. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF  
20 AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR  
21 TAKING TIME OUT OF YOUR VERY BUSY SCHEDULE TO JOIN US AND LEAD  
22 US IN THE INVOCATION. AND I WOULD BE WILLING TO ASSIST YOU IN  
23 YOUR TRIP TO BEIJING. [APPLAUSE.]

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, WE WERE LED IN THE PLEDGE OF  
2   ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING BY BILL BERG, WHO'S A RESIDENT OF  
3   ARLETA, AND WAS REPRESENTING THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 603  
4   IN VAN NUYS. BILL SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1951  
5   TO 1953, AS A SECOND LIEUTENANT IN THE 46TH A 1 B? ARMORED--  
6   I'M SORRY, IT SAYS 1 SO I WAS CONFUSED. ARMORED INFANTRY  
7   BATTALION IN JAPAN. HE IS GENERAL MANAGER OF THE U.S. GROWERS  
8   COLD STORAGE. HE'S MARRIED AND HIS WIFE IS WITH US HERE TODAY.  
9   HAS TWO CHILDREN. HAS LIVED IN OUR DISTRICT FOR 50 YEARS.  
10   ATTENDED JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND  
11   LOYOLA UNIVERSITY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. HE HAD A GOOD  
12   BASKETBALL TEAM ONCE IF MY MEMORY SERVES ME CORRECTLY, AND HAS  
13   BEEN A RESIDENT, AS I SAY, OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND OUR  
14   DISTRICT FOR YEARS. BILL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LEADING US  
15   IN THE PLEDGE THIS MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO  
16   OUR COUNTRY. [APPLAUSE.] MADAME CHAIR, I FAILED TO MENTION  
17   THAT BILL IS ALSO A COLONEL IN THE U.S. ARMY RESERVE. SO HE  
18   CONTINUES TO SERVE OUR NATION.

19

20   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
21   BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4. AGENDA FOR THE  
22   MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H. ON THIS ITEM WE  
23   WILL HOLD IT FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. PUBLIC HEARINGS ITEMS 1  
24   THROUGH 7. ON ITEM NUMBER 6, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED  
25   AGENDA, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE



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1 CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO APRIL 22ND, 2008. HOWEVER,  
2 THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
3 THIS ITEM. ARNOLD SACHS?

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY,  
6 SECONDED BY MOLINA; WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WILL BE CONTINUED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON THE REMAINING ITEMS, WE WILL HOLD THOSE  
9 FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 7, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD  
10 OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 8 THROUGH 12.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY;  
13 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 13 THROUGH 25. ON  
16 ITEM NUMBER 13, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS  
17 ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE. AND ALSO THERE'S A  
18 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD IT.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 14, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM  
23 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 7,  
24 EXCUSE ME, 17, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE  
25 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 18, AS INDICATED ON



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1 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS  
2 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO APRIL 1ST, 2008.  
3 THAT'S 18. AND ALSO THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
4 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. DR. CLAVREUL, DO YOU WANT TO HOLD  
5 THIS?

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7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD IT.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 20, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
12 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ALSO THERE'S A REQUEST  
13 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER  
14 22, SUPERVISOR BURKE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF  
15 THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND THE REMAINING  
16 ITEMS -- 22? THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE  
17 BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
20 ANTONOVICH; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 14, DISCUSSION ITEMS 26 AND 27. ON  
23 ITEM 26, WE'LL HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION. ON ITEM 27, AS INDICATED  
24 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER





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1 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO APRIL 8TH,  
2 2008.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS  
5 TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE  
6 OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM  
7 28-A.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE,  
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
14 DISTRICT NUMBER 1.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO MAKE A PRESENTATION FIRST.  
17 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WE HAVE -- I'D LIKE TO INVITE HIS ROYAL  
18 HIGHNESS PRINCE RADU OF ROMANIA TO COME TO THE DAIS. HIS ROYAL  
19 HIGHNESS IS A ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. HE  
20 IS ACCOMPANIED TODAY BY HIS WIFE, HER ROYAL HIGHNESS CROWN  
21 PRINCESS MARGARITA. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE RADU IS A MAN OF  
22 MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE ARTS. HE GRADUATED FROM THE  
23 UNIVERSITY OF DRAMA AND FILM IN BUCHAREST, BECAME A LEADER IN  
24 CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES. HE BECAME ARTISTIC DIRECTOR  
25 OF THE FIRST ART THERAPY PROJECT IN ROMANIA FOR ABANDONED



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1 CHILDREN IN ORPHANAGES. HE ALSO EXCELLED IN INTERNATIONAL  
2 RELATIONS AND SECURITY. HE GRADUATED FROM THE NATIONAL COLLEGE  
3 OF DEFENSE IN ROMANIA, THEN WENT ON TO STUDY AT THE GEORGE C.  
4 MARSHALL COLLEGE IN GERMANY, AND THE JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL OF  
5 GOVERNMENT AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY PROGRAM FOR SENIOR EXECUTIVES  
6 IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. HE ALSO EARNED HIS PHD  
7 IN MILITARY SCIENCE. HIS ACHIEVEMENT IN PROMOTING THE  
8 INTEGRATION OF ROMANIA AND NATO ARE WELL KNOWN. HE'S A SOUGHT-  
9 AFTER LECTURER ALL OVER THE WORLD. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF  
10 SUPERVISORS AND IT'S 10.3 MILLION PEOPLE, WE WELCOME YOU TO  
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE YOU HERE  
12 BEFORE US. [APPLAUSE.] AND WE'RE GOING TO ASK HIS ROYAL  
13 HIGHNESS TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS, AND I'M ALSO GOING TO ASK  
14 PRINCESS MARGARITA TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS, ALSO.

15

16 **PRINCE RADU:** MADAME CHAIR, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
17 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. FOR THE CROWN PRINCESS AND MYSELF, IT IS  
18 A GREAT PRIVILEGE AND AN EXCEPTIONAL OCCASION TO ADDRESS YOU  
19 TODAY IN LOS ANGELES DURING THESE WONDERFUL 14 DAYS THAT WE  
20 ARE GOING TO SPEND IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THEN THE  
21 STATE OF NEVADA. AS A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ROMANIAN  
22 GOVERNMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THE BOARD AND TO ALL OF  
23 YOU THE BEST WISHES ON BEHALF OF THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT AND  
24 OF THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE. WE ARE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE HAD THE  
25 UNITED STATES AND ROMANIA A VERY LONG AND IMPORTANT



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1 RELATIONSHIP. IN THE 19TH CENTURY, DURING THE REIGN OF THE  
2 FIRST ROMANIAN KING, CHARLES I, WE ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC  
3 RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. AND SINCE THEN, MORE THAN  
4 ONE CENTURY PASSED AND ROMANIA HAS BEEN, DURING THE DIFFICULT  
5 TIME OF THE FIRST AND THE SECOND WORLD WAR, DIRECTLY AND  
6 EXCEPTIONALLY HELPED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. FIRST OF  
7 ALL TO ACHIEVE ITS UNIFICATION IN 1918 AFTER THE FIRST WORLD  
8 WAR, AND THEN AFTER '89 WHEN ROMANIA RE-BECAME AN INDEPENDENT  
9 AND DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY. THE UNITED STATES PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE  
10 IN THIS IMPORTANT PROCESS, AS MUCH AS THE UNITED STATES WAS  
11 HELPFUL AND IMPORTANT FOR ALL THE COUNTRIES IN MY REGION,  
12 WHICH WAS CALLED AT SOME STAGE THE "BEYOND THE IRON CURTAIN"  
13 WORLD. BUT THIS EXCEPTIONAL RELATIONSHIP THAT WE ENJOY IS  
14 NEITHER BY CHANCE NOR RELATED ONLY TO THE RECENT TIMES. AFTER  
15 THE SECOND WORLD WAR, MY FATHER-IN-LAW, KING MICHAEL OF  
16 ROMANIA, WHO WAS THE LAST DEMOCRATIC LEADER TO LEAVE THE  
17 COUNTRY IN 1948 AFTER THE SOVIET INVASION IN ROMANIA AND IN  
18 THE REGION, HE SPENT 50 YEARS IN EXILE TRYING TO HELP OUR PART  
19 OF THE WORLD TO RE-BECOME DIGNIFIED, DEMOCRATIC, AND  
20 PROSPEROUS. AND IN THIS PERSPECTIVE, KING MICHAEL HAS BEEN,  
21 FOR 50 YEARS, A REGULAR VISITOR OF THE UNITED STATES AND  
22 PROMOTER OF DEMOCRACY AND OF THE VALUES THAT BOTH THE UNITED  
23 STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE SHARED IN WHAT WE CALL TODAY THE  
24 EUROATLANTIC WORLD. KING MICHAEL IS PROBABLY THE LAST  
25 SURVIVING HEAD OF STATE HAVING LED A COUNTRY IN THE SECOND



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1 WORLD WAR, AND PERSONALLY AWARDED BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN WITH THE  
2 LEGION OF MERIT. SOMEBODY WHO MET BOTH TRUMAN, EISENHOWER AND  
3 THE OTHER LEADERS OF THE WORLD, SUCH AS CHURCHILL AND THE  
4 LEADERS OF FRANCE AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES INVOLVED ON THE SIDE  
5 OF THE ALLIES IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR. SINCE 2001, WHEN OUR  
6 COUNTRY RECOGNIZED THE MERIT OF THE ROYAL FAMILY AND  
7 INTEGRATED OUR FAMILY IN THE ROMANIANS' PRESENT ACTIVITIES, I  
8 STARTED TO UNDERTAKE THIS MISSION AS A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE  
9 OF THE GOVERNMENT. AND TOGETHER WITH THE CROWN PRINCESS, MY  
10 WIFE, WE TRIED VERY HARD INSIDE ROMANIA, IN EUROPE, AND IN THE  
11 REST OF THE WORLD, TO PROMOTE THE MOST IMPORTANT WHAT WE  
12 BELIEVE THEY ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT INTERESTS OF OUR COUNTRY.  
13 THUS, IN 2006, EXACTLY TWO YEARS AGO, WE STARTED A NEW PROJECT  
14 CALLED "THE FRIENDSHIP TOUR". AND OUR INTENTION IS TO BE ABLE  
15 TO COME TO EVERY SINGLE STATE OF THE UNITED STATES TO SPEND  
16 ONE WEEK GOING FROM TOWN TO TOWN, FROM CITY TO CITY, AND MEET  
17 WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES, YOUNG PEOPLE IN UNIVERSITIES, LOCAL  
18 BUSINESS, AND LOCAL MEDIA AND TO TRY TO PUT ROMANIA ON THE MAP  
19 AND IN THE SOUL AND MINDS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ALWAYS FOR  
20 US, EVEN FROM FAR AWAY, A VERY IMPORTANT MODEL FOR THE PRESENT  
21 AND FOR THE FUTURE TIMES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
22 HOSPITALITY. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **PRINCESS MARGARITA:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM WELCOME. I'VE ALWAYS FELT



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1 VERY MUCH AT HOME HERE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THIS  
2 IS MY FIRST TIME IN LOS ANGELES, AND IT'S NO EXCEPTION. I  
3 THINK IT'S NOT ONLY THE WEATHER THAT I LIKE, BUT THE PEOPLE.  
4 AND I'M SO IMPRESSED BY HOW ALL THESE YEARS, YOU KNOW, I WORK  
5 IN CHARITY IN ROMANIA, I HAVE MY OWN CHARITY, BUT I'VE WORKED  
6 A LOT WITH OTHER CHARITIES, THE GENEROSITY OF THE AMERICAN  
7 PEOPLE TOWARDS MY PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY ITS CHILDREN, IS  
8 ABSOLUTELY SOMETHING THAT'S KEPT US GOING FOR ALL THESE YEARS,  
9 AND I WISH TO THANK YOU ALL FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART FOR  
10 YOUR GENEROSITY. AND ANOTHER THING THAT IMPRESSES ME SO MUCH  
11 EVERY TIME I'M HERE IS YOUR FAITH AND YOUR PATRIOTISM. AND I  
12 THINK THIS IS AN ENORMOUS AND VERY IMPORTANT EXAMPLE FOR THE  
13 WORLD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU ARE FIRST.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, THIS IS A VERY GOOD DAY. IF YOU  
18 REMEMBER LAST MONTH, WE HAD MICHAEL SCIOSCIA AND TONY REAGANS,  
19 THE GENERAL MANAGER AND THE MANAGER OF THE LOS ANGELES ANGELS  
20 HERE. AND TODAY WE HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME OUR  
21 GREAT BASEBALL TEAM, THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS. AND WHILE THEIR  
22 NEW MANAGER, JOE TORRE IS NOT HERE, HE'S IN ARIZONA, WE LOOK  
23 FORWARD TO AN EXCITING THREE-WAY SERIES BETWEEN TWO GREAT  
24 MANAGERS IN BASEBALL, MICHAEL SCIOSCIA AND JOE TORRE. WITH ME  
25 TODAY DR. JOSEPH FIELDING, WHO IS OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC



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1 HEALTH. AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND I ARE GOING TO DO A JOINT  
2 PRESENTATION. WE ALSO HAVE JANET CLAYTON, THE PRESIDENT OF  
3 THINKCURE!; KEVIN KOGA, VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR  
4 THE CITY OF HOPE HOSPITAL; DIEGO DE LA GRAZA, THE DIRECTOR OF  
5 GOVERNMENTAL COMMUNITY RELATIONS FOR THE CITY OF HOPE, AND DR.  
6 STUART SEGAL, WHO HAS THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF LOS ANGELES  
7 AS WE PROCLAIM MARCH 29, 2008 AS THINKCURE! DAY THROUGHOUT OUR  
8 COUNTY. THIS WAS MODELED AFTER THE JIMMY FUND, WAS LAUNCHED IN  
9 1948 BY THEN BOSTON BRAVES OWNER, FRANCIS MCCOURT, WHO WAS THE  
10 GRANDFATHER OF THE ANGEL OWNER, FRANK MCCOURT. OF THE DODGERS.  
11 SORRY, I'M ANGELS. DODGERS. DODGERS. OKAY. FREUDIAN SLIP. THIS  
12 SATURDAY, THE DODGERS WILL RETURN TO OUR LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL  
13 COLISEUM IN A VERY FAMOUS EXHIBITION GAME AGAINST THE WORLD  
14 SERIES 2007 CHAMPS, THE BOSTON RED SOX. THIS GAME MARKS THE  
15 RETURN OF THE DODGERS TO THE ORIGINAL LOS ANGELES HOME, WHICH  
16 WAS WHERE THEY PLAYED FROM 1958 TO 1961 DURING THE  
17 CONSTRUCTION OF DODGER STADIUM. IN THOSE FOUR SEASONS AT THE  
18 COLISEUM, THE DODGERS POSTED A 330 TO 288 RECORD, INCLUDING  
19 THE 1959 WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP, WHICH WAS THE FIRST OF  
20 FIVE TITLES. THE MEMORIAL COLISEUM WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED AS  
21 ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE VENUES IN WHICH MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL  
22 HAD EVER PLAYED ON. FOR EXAMPLE, DUE TO THE OVAL SHAPE OF THE  
23 STADIUM, THE LEFT FIELD FENCE WAS ONLY 251 FEET FROM HOME  
24 PLATE, WHICH CAUSED THEM TO ERECT A 42-FOOT HIGH FENCE TO  
25 AVOID AN EXCESS OF HOME RUNS. BUT THAT FAMOUS OUTFIELDER,





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1 WALLY MOON, TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THAT BY CLUBBING 56 HOME RUNS.  
2 AND HE WAS DUBBED "THE MOON SHOTS" DURING THE FOUR-YEAR SPAN  
3 IN WHICH THE TEAM PLAYED AT THE COLISEUM. NOW, THE NET  
4 PROCEEDS FROM THIS WEEK'S GAME WILL GO TO THINKCURE! SO WE  
5 WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS AND NOW I WOULD  
6 LIKE SUPERVISOR MOLINA TO SAY A FEW WORDS AT THIS TIME.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. WELL, I'M VERY HONORED TO JOIN WITH  
9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IN COMMENDING THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS  
10 FOR CHAMPIONING CRITICAL CANCER RESEARCH IN LOS ANGELES  
11 COUNTY. AND I'M ALSO PLEASED TO JOIN WITH HIM IN DECLARING  
12 MARCH 29TH AS THE THINKCURE! DAY THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. AS  
13 PART OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN LOS  
14 ANGELES, THE DODGERS WILL RETURN, AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
15 MENTIONED, TO THE LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM FOR AN  
16 EXHIBITION CONTEST AGAINST THE BOSTON RED SOX ON MARCH THE  
17 29TH IN A GAME THAT WILL BENEFIT THINKCURE! THINKCURE! WAS  
18 LAUNCHED IN JULY OF 2007 BY THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS AND THE  
19 MCCOURT FAMILY, CITY OF HOPE, CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF LOS  
20 ANGELES. IT'S THE OFFICIAL CHARITY OF THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS  
21 AND IT'S DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING CANCER RESEARCH AND FINDING  
22 THE CURE FOR THIS DEADLY DISEASE. SCIENTISTS AT THE CITY OF  
23 HOPE AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN LOS ANGELES ARE COLLABORATING  
24 TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND TREAT BRAIN TUMORS, LEUKEMIA AND  
25 OTHER CANCERS. AND RESEARCHERS HAVE JOINED FORCES TO LOOK FOR



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1 CURES IN CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH CANCER. THEY ARE ALSO  
2 DEVELOPING CLINICAL TRIALS TO DEVELOP NEW IMMUNE THERAPIES AND  
3 BOTH INSTITUTIONS BELONG TO THE CHILDREN'S ONCOLOGY GROUP, A  
4 NETWORK OF TOP INSTITUTIONS THAT EVALUATE NEW DRUGS AND  
5 TREATMENTS THROUGHOUT THE NATION. ADDITIONALLY, CHILDREN'S  
6 HOSPITAL AND CITY OF HOPE ARE MEMBERS OF THE THERAPEUTIC  
7 ADVANCES OF CHILDHOOD LEUKEMIA. THIS GROUP OF CANCER CENTERS,  
8 HEADQUARTERED AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, HAS RAPIDLY DEVELOPED  
9 AND OPENED EARLY CLINICAL TRIALS OF POTENTIAL NEW THERAPIES  
10 FOR CHILDREN WHOSE CHILDREN HAS RETURNED DESPITE TREATMENT.  
11 ALL OF THIS RESEARCH, OF COURSE, IS GOING TO LEAD TO BETTER  
12 TREATMENTS FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS. AND OF COURSE, WE  
13 HAVE SO MANY CANCERS THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY. THE NUMBERS ARE  
14 STAGGERING. BUT IT WAS INTERESTING TO HEAR THAT THE AMERICAN  
15 CANCER SOCIETY SAID THAT 1 IN 2 HISPANIC MEN AND 1 IN 3  
16 HISPANIC WOMEN WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER IN THIS LIFETIME.  
17 IT'S VERY UNFORTUNATE. OF COURSE WE KNOW THAT PROSTATE CANCER  
18 IS THE MOST COMMONLY DIAGNOSED CANCER FOR MEN AND OF COURSE  
19 BREAST CANCER FOR WOMEN. AND CANCERS OF THE COLON, RECTUM AND  
20 LUNG WILL BE THE SECOND AND THIRD MOST COMMONLY DIAGNOSED  
21 CANCERS FOR BOTH HISPANIC MEN AND WOMEN. SO OF COURSE, WHAT WE  
22 WANT TO DO IS ENCOURAGE ALL MEN AND WOMEN TO BE TESTED FOR  
23 CANCER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN BEGIN A TREATMENT WHICH  
24 WILL SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE THE SURVIVAL RATE. I WANT TO THANK  
25 THE DODGERS FOR THE WORK THAT THEY'RE DOING IN THINKCURE! I'M



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1 IMPRESSED WITH THE WORK THEY'VE BEEN DOING. AS I LOOKED UP  
2 WHAT THEY WERE ALL WORKING ON, I'M MORE IMPRESSED THAT JANET  
3 CLAYTON IS HEADING UP THE ORGANIZATION THAT IS CARRYING OUT  
4 THIS TREMENDOUS WORK. SO CONGRATULATIONS, JANET, AND TO EVERY  
5 ONE OF THE DODGERS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **JANET CLAYTON:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, GOOD  
8 MORNING. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR BURKE,  
9 SUPERVISOR KNABE. ON BEHALF OF THINKCURE!, WHICH IS A  
10 COLLABORATION OF THE DODGERS, CITY OF HOPE AND CHILDREN'S  
11 HOSPITAL, WE THANK YOU. I WANT TO INTRODUCE QUICKLY MY  
12 PARTNERS IN THIS, WHICH, FIRST, DR. STUART SEGAL OF CHILDREN'S  
13 HOSPITAL, KEVIN KOGA OF CITY OF HOPE, AND DIEGO DE LA GARZA,  
14 CITY OF HOPE. AND THE ONLY THING I WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH THIS  
15 MORNING IS THE IDEA THAT WHEN WE WERE ALL CHILDREN, CANCER WAS  
16 OFTEN A WORD THAT WAS JUST WHISPERED. IT WAS SO FEARED, THAT  
17 PEOPLE WERE OFTEN AFRAID TO SAY IT. NOW 1 IN 10 AMERICANS IS A  
18 CANCER SURVIVOR. AND MANY THINGS THAT WE OFTEN THOUGHT WERE  
19 NOT POSSIBLE ARE POSSIBLE. AND THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THINKCURE!  
20 IS TO ENCOURAGE COLLABORATION. THERE'S LOTS OF RESEARCH GOING  
21 ON. AND WE WANT TO GIVE, IN EFFECT, A FINANCIAL INCENTIVE FOR  
22 PEOPLE TO WORK TOGETHER TO SPEED A CURE. AND THERE ISN'T ANY  
23 REASON WHY, WITHIN OUR LIFETIMES, CANCER CAN'T BECOME MUCH  
24 MORE TREATABLE AS A CHRONIC ILLNESS THE WAY ASTHMA IS, THE WAY  
25 DIABETES IS, THE WAY HYPERTENSION IS. AND THAT'S ACTUALLY



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1 WITHIN REACH NOW. SO ON BEHALF OF THINKCURE!, AND ON BEHALF OF  
2 ALL THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO BE AT THE COLISEUM, THE  
3 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS THAT ARE GOING TO BE AT THE COLISEUM ON  
4 SATURDAY, THEY ARE ALL PARTICIPATING IN HELPING US GET TO THAT  
5 POINT OF BETTER TREATMENT AND A CURE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER PRESENTATIONS? THANK  
8 YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. AND I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD  
9 TOMMIE WALL. AND HE'S HERE UP IN FRONT. HE WAS BORN IN 1903  
10 AND WILL CELEBRATE HIS 105TH BIRTHDAY NEXT WEEK ON MARCH 30TH.  
11 [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE.] HE IS THE YOUNGEST OF FIVE CHILDREN AND  
12 THE ONLY BOY. HE SETTLED HERE IN CALIFORNIA WITH HIS WIFE AND  
13 SIX CHILDREN IN THE LATE 50S FROM ARKANSAS. HE HAS 16  
14 GRANDCHILDREN, 35 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN AND 18 GREAT-GREAT-  
15 GRANDCHILDREN. HE COULD POSSIBLY BE THE LONGEST LIVING  
16 AFRICAN-AMERICAN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT'S WITH GREAT  
17 PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO TOMMIE WALL, IN  
18 RECOGNITION OF CELEBRATING HIS 105TH BIRTHDAY. [APPLAUSE.]  
19 WHEN YOU HAVE YOUR 105TH BIRTHDAY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME UP  
20 TO THE PODIUM, WE BRING IT DOWN HERE. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU.  
21 HAVE A WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY. [APPLAUSE.] IDENTIFY  
22 YOURSELF. ARE YOU HIS GRANDDAUGHTER?

23

24 **AVIS BRAME:** YES, I'M HIS GRANDDAUGHTER, AVIS BRAME. THIS IS  
25 HIS GRANDDAUGHTER, LEOLA SMITH, AND THIS IS URSULA, HIS



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1 CARETAKER. AND ON BEHALF OF THE WALL FAMILY, WE'D LIKE TO  
2 THANK SUPERVISOR YVONNE BURKE AND THE REST OF THE BOARD FOR  
3 ACKNOWLEDGING OUR GRANDFATHER'S 105TH BIRTHDAY. AND ALL I'D  
4 LIKE TO SAY IS TO GOD BE THE GLORY ON HIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION.  
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAD TO SAY THAT WE HAVE MORE, I THINK,  
8 PEOPLE OVER 100 IN THE SECOND DISTRICT THAN ANY OTHER  
9 DISTRICT, IT SEEMS. WE ALWAYS HAVE THESE PEOPLE. MAYBE IT'S  
10 WHERE THEY SETTLED. MAYBE IT'S THE AIR IN THE SECOND DISTRICT  
11 OR SOMETHING. [LAUGHTER.] I'D LIKE CALL FORWARD, LOS ANGELES  
12 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AERO BUREAU HELICOPTER PILOT ANTHONY  
13 PACHOT. MR. PACHOT, A LADERA HEIGHTS RESIDENT, HAS HAD A 33-  
14 YEAR CAREER WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
15 AS AN AERO BUREAU HELICOPTER PILOT. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH  
16 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN 1970. HIS ASSIGNMENTS AND  
17 RESPONSIBILITIES HAVE INCLUDED CUSTODY, PATROL, F.T.O.,  
18 DETECTIVE, HELICOPTER PILOT, AND HELICOPTER FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR.  
19 HE IS ALSO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
20 PILOT. AND WE'RE SO PLEASED. HE WALKED AWAY FROM A MID-AIR  
21 COLLISION, SURVIVED MORE THAN A FEW SHOOTING ATTEMPTS WHILE IN  
22 THE AIR, AND HAS MADE NUMEROUS CHALLENGING RESCUES IN LOCAL  
23 MOUNTAINS AND FLOODED STORM CHANNELS. IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE  
24 THAT WE PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO HELICOPTER PILOT ANTHONY  
25 PACHOT. [APPLAUSE.] HIS MOTHER. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A WORD



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1 NOW DON'T SAY THAT YOU HAD A LOT OF SHOOTINGS IN THE SECOND  
2 DISTRICT, THOUGH. THAT'S THE ONLY THING YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO  
3 SAY.

4

5 **ANTHONY PACHOT:** I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR BURKE AND THE  
6 BOARD HERE FOR PRESENTING ME WITH THIS AWARD. I'VE HAD A GREAT  
7 CAREER. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS STILL SAFE. MY CAPTAIN THERE IS  
8 STILL AT THE BUREAU WITH SOME NEW PEOPLE. BUT I'VE HAD A  
9 WONDERFUL CAREER. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WHO IS HERE WITH YOU?

12

13 **ANTHONY PACHOT:** THIS IS MY MOTHER AND MY FATHER, WHO ARE  
14 RESPONSIBLE FOR ME. [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOUR CAPTAIN IS HERE.

17

18 **ANTHONY PACHOT:** MY CAPTAIN JOE IPELLIZERI FROM THE AERO  
19 BUREAU.

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21 **CAPTAIN JOE IPELLIZERI:** WELL, AS YOU CAN SEE, TONY IS ONE OF  
22 THESE MOST ENGAGING PEOPLE. IT WAS A SAD DAY FOR ALL OF US  
23 WHEN HE LEFT. HE'S GOING TO COME BACK AS A RESERVE, SO HE'LL  
24 STILL BE FLYING OVER THE CITY AND THE COUNTY FOR ALL OF US.  
25 [APPLAUSE.]





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2   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO NOW CALL FORWARD OPERATION  
3   CONFIDENCE AND "POSITIVE REDIRECTION TEAM" PARTICIPANTS.  
4   OPERATION CONFIDENCE IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT FOR OVER  
5   26 YEARS HAS WORKED FAITHFULLY TO INSTILL CONFIDENCE AND HOPE  
6   IN MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES. THE POSITIVE  
7   REDIRECTION TEAM IS A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS WHO  
8   HAVE MADE A TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISABLED COMMUNITY  
9   AS MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKERS AND LIFE COACHES. TODAY WE ARE  
10   HONORING OPERATION CONFIDENCE AND POSITIVE REDIRECTION TEAM  
11   FOR THEIR CONTINUED EFFORT TO PROVIDE RESOURCES TO THE  
12   DISABLED IN NEW ORLEANS WHO ARE STILL OVERCOME BY THE  
13   DESTRUCTIONS OF KATRINA. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I  
14   PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO OPERATION CONFIDENCE, THE POSITIVE  
15   REDIRECTION TEAM, AND ALL THE PARTICIPANTS. AND WE HAVE SOME  
16   VERY DISTINGUISHED PEOPLE HERE THAT WE ARE CALLING FORWARD.  
17   AND ARE YOU GOING TO SPEAK FIRST? CONSUELO MACKIE IS GOING TO  
18   SPEAK FOR THEM. AND THEN WE'LL HAVE A WORD FROM THE PASTOR  
19   TOO.

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21   **CONSUELO MACKIE:** YES, OF COURSE.

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23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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1   **CONSUELO MACKIE:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK  
2   YOU SO MUCH, YOU AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
3   ACKNOWLEDGING OPERATION CONFIDENCE AND THE POSITIVE  
4   REDIRECTION TEAM TODAY. IT'S BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT THAT  
5   OPERATION CONFIDENCE HAS BEEN ABLE TO HELP OVER 11,000  
6   INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES FIND MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT  
7   OPPORTUNITIES AND INDEPENDENT LIVING. THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY  
8   WONDERFUL PEOPLE IN OUR LIFE THAT HAVE HELPED TO ESTABLISH THE  
9   LEGACY FOR OPERATION CONFIDENCE. FOR SOME OF THEM WE'RE  
10   ACKNOWLEDGING HERE TODAY. I'M HONORED TO HAVE REVEREND CECIL  
11   MURRAY REPRESENTING THE CALIFORNIA AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM,  
12   WHO HAS SUPPORTED US FOR SO MANY YEARS. I HAVE SOMEONE THAT  
13   CALLS ME HER MOTHER, WHICH IS MY SWEETHEART, THE LEGENDARY  
14   MISS LINDA HOPKINS THERE. SHE HAS JUST BEEN A WONDERFUL  
15   SUPPORTER. BUDDY COLLETTE, A LEGENDARY JAZZ ARTIST, WHO HAS  
16   SUPPORTED US FOR SO MANY YEARS. WE HAVE AUNTY ANGEL, WHO IS NO  
17   LONGER, HAS BEEN JUST WITH US EVERY DAY, ACTUALLY THE DIRECTOR  
18   OF THE POSITIVE REDIRECTION TEAM. LARRY FOSTER, WHO IS OVER  
19   THE FAST BREAKING WHEELCHAIR LAKERS TEAM THAT'S GOING WITH US  
20   TO NEW ORLEANS. AND WE HAVE AN ARRAY OF PEOPLE IN THE BACK.  
21   BARBARA SULLIVAN AND MISS CASSANDRA LATIN WHO HAS HELPED US TO  
22   PUT TOGETHER A CALL SERVICE CENTER. JOY MINISTRIES, WHICH LADY  
23   D. HAS BEEN SO WONDERFUL. SHE HAS THIS AMAZING DEAF PERFORMING  
24   GROUP THAT'S GOING WITH US TO NEW ORLEANS. REPRESENTING WELLS  
25   FARGO BANK IS BRENDA GREEN. AND THEN WE HAVE ANOTHER LEGENDARY



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1 GENTLEMAN THERE, JOHN STEPHANSON. AND SO WE HAVE SOME  
2 WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US THROUGH THE YEARS. AND  
3 I'M JUST SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE EVERYONE'S SUPPORT. AND BECAUSE  
4 OF EVERYONE'S SUPPORT, WE HAVE THIS TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY IN  
5 NEW ORLEANS TO DO SOMETHING CALLED A "DISABILITY EMPOWERMENT  
6 EXPO" IN COLLABORATION WITH ALL THE UNIVERSITIES IN NEW  
7 ORLEANS. AND IT'S BECAUSE OF SUPERVISOR BURKE AND THE BOARD OF  
8 SUPERVISORS WHO HAVE MADE THAT POSSIBLE. SO I WANT TO THANK  
9 YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. AND SUPERVISOR, I JUST  
10 WANTED YOU TO KNOW, AND I WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW THIS. BECAUSE  
11 OF THE SUPERVISOR, SEVERAL YEARS AGO, OPERATION CONFIDENCE HAD  
12 A HOME BUILT BY EXTREME MAKEOVER HOME EDITION. AND REMEMBER  
13 PASTOR WALKER THAT WAS HERE A FEW MONTHS AGO? ON MAY THE 18TH,  
14 THEY WILL BE AIRING THAT HIS CHURCH WAS DEVASTATED BY KATRINA,  
15 AND HOME EDITION BUILT HIM A CHURCH ALSO. SO THANK YOU. CAN WE  
16 HAVE A FEW WORDS FROM THE DISTINGUISHED REVEREND MURRAY?

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18 **REVEREND CECIL MURRAY:** JUST ENOUGH TO SAY YOU ENABLED THE  
19 DISABLED AND THEY IN TURN GIVE POWER TO THE POWERLESS. MAY YOU  
20 LIVE FOREVER. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BRENDA MARSHALL GREEN. [APPLAUSE.]  
23 CONGRATULATIONS. AND OF COURSE SOMEONE WE ALL KNOW, LINDA  
24 HOPKINS. [APPLAUSE.] GREAT SINGER.

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1   **CONSUELO MACKIE:** WHO IS FULL OF LIFE.

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3   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SHE'S GIVEN SO MUCH TO SO MANY PEOPLE. AND  
4   TO REVEREND MURRAY. REVEREND MURRAY IS COMING UP NOW FOR THE  
5   AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM. BUDDY COLLETTE, ANOTHER VERY FAMOUS  
6   PERSON HERE. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR YEARS OF  
7   HELP. JOHN STEVENS, ANOTHER FAMOUS MUSICIAN HERE. ATIANA  
8   RIVERA. CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HELP  
9   ALL THESE YEARS.

10

11   **ATIANA RIVERA:** WE'RE GOING TO KEEP IT GOING.

12

13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, WONDERFUL. JOY MINISTRIES. [APPLAUSE.]

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15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LARRY FOSTER. [APPLAUSE.] OH, RIGHT HERE.

16   THERE YOU ARE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BARBARA SULLIVAN.

17   [APPLAUSE.] AND FINALLY, CASSANDRA LATIN. AND THIS IS COVENANT

18   INDUSTRIES. [APPLAUSE.] MANY, MANY THANKS. AND WE SEE HERE

19   PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS, NOT JUST FOR A FEW YEARS,

20   BUT HAVE MADE OUR LIVES SO DIFFERENT OVER THE YEARS AND NOW

21   THEY'RE CONTINUING TO DO IT. AND HAVE A WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL

22   PROGRAM THERE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] I HAVE JUST ONE MORE

23   PRESENTATION. I WAS GONE LAST WEEK. I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD

24   PROBATION DEPARTMENT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT STAFF AND SPONSORS

25   RENEE AGUILLARD-GRIFFIN, GINA GIACONE, GLENN SIMONTON, WALTER



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1 TUBBS, VENUS MANUEL, DARYL SINGLETON, MICHAEL VERNER, AND JED  
2 MINOFF. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH  
3 DEVELOPMENT STAFF RECENTLY ORGANIZED AN EVENT TO HONOR  
4 PROBATION YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE FOR THEIR ACADEMIC, ATHLETIC,  
5 LITERATURE, ART, AND ENTERTAINMENT ACHIEVEMENT WHILE IN  
6 PLACEMENT. THE STAFF WAS SUCCESSFUL IN COLLABORATING WITH  
7 VARIOUS PARTNERS FROM BOTH THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR TO  
8 FACILITATE A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION EVENT. THEY WERE ABLE TO  
9 IDENTIFY AND AWARD A TOTAL OF 30 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING  
10 YOUTH. THIS GALA EVENT RECOGNIZED AND REWARDED POSITIVE  
11 BEHAVIORAL CHANGES AND PERSONNEL EXCELLENCE, IN ADDITION TO  
12 PROVIDING THESE YOUTH WITH INFORMATION AND RESOURCES TO ASSIST  
13 THEM IN THEIR TRANSITION TO ADULthood. WITH GREAT PLEASURE  
14 THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION  
15 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT STAFF AND SPONSORS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR  
16 DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR YOUTH. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THANK YOU  
19 VERY MUCH FOR RECOGNIZING MY STAFF FOR THIS EVENT, AND REALLY  
20 FOR SOMETHING TO BE INVOLVED IN FOR SOME TIME. SUCCESS IS OUR  
21 FUTURE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO WITH  
22 CHILDREN THAT ARE INVOLVED IN BOTH THE DELINQUENCY AND THE  
23 DEPENDENCY SYSTEM IS REALLY REBUILDING LIVES. AND SUCCESS IS  
24 OUR FUTURE IS REALLY AN EVENT THAT NOT ONLY CELEBRATES THESE  
25 CHILDREN GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL, BUT AS WAS INDICATED, IT



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1 CELEBRATES A FURTHER ACCOMPLISHMENT IN THAT SEVERAL OF THEM  
2 WERE AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.  
3 SO THEY ARE WELL ON THE WAY OF REBUILDING THEIR LIVES, AND WE  
4 JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS RECOGNITION. AND I CERTAINLY  
5 WANT TO RECOGNIZE PUBLICLY MY STAFF THAT'S BEEN INVOLVED IN  
6 THIS EFFORT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO ASK  
11 DAVE LAMBERTSON TO COME FORWARD. HERE HE COMES. THIS IS A  
12 BITTERSWEET DAY FOR US IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. DAVE  
13 LAMBERTSON, WHO IS CURRENTLY SERVING WITH DISTINCTION AND HAS  
14 FOR MANY YEARS AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S  
15 INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND HAS BEEN A VALUED MEMBER OF  
16 THE COUNTY FAMILY FOR 28 YEARS, IS RETIRING. AND THROUGHOUT  
17 HIS PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER, DAVE HAS DISPLAYED EXEMPLARY  
18 LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION AND PROFESSIONALISM AS A DIRECTOR AND  
19 IN ALL OF HIS ASSIGNMENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE  
20 CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AND  
21 DIVISION MANAGER OF BOTH THE FINANCE AND PURCHASING DIVISIONS,  
22 AS WELL AS IN VARIOUS ASSIGNMENTS WITH THE AUDITOR/CONTROLLER.  
23 DAVE HAS LED INITIATIVES THAT HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCED  
24 THE COUNTY'S POLICY ON STRATEGIC PLANNING, PURCHASING,  
25 CONTRACTING, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP, AND





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1 MANY MORE AREAS, AS WELL. HE HAS CONSISTENTLY ATTAINED A TRULY  
2 OUTSTANDING LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER,  
3 EARNING THE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF HIS COLLEAGUES THROUGH  
4 HIS EXCEPTIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND HIS HIGHLY ANALYTICAL AND  
5 CREATIVE THINKING AND THE INTELLECTUAL RIGOR WITH WHICH HE  
6 APPROACHES HIS WORK. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WANTS TO TAKE  
7 THIS OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO WISH DAVE LAMBERTSON WELL IN HIS  
8 RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM ON AN OUTSTANDING CAREER WITH THE  
9 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE INTERNAL  
10 SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND WE WANT TO EXTEND TO HIM OUR BEST  
11 WISHES FOR HIM IN HIS RETIREMENT. I WANT TO JUST READ WHAT  
12 SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF MY STAFF SAY ABOUT DAVE, AND I THINK WE  
13 ALL HAVE DEALT WITH HIM, AND OUR STAFFS HAVE CERTAINLY DEALT  
14 WITH HIM. HERE ARE SOME OF THE THOUGHTS OF MY STAFF. "SEEING  
15 HIM AT THE GUIDING COALITION AND OTHER MEETINGS, IT'S OBVIOUS  
16 THAT DAVE IS ONE OF OUR STRONGEST DEPARTMENT HEADS. HE IS VERY  
17 SOLUTIONS-ORIENTED. AND WHEN THERE ARE DIFFERENCES, WHETHER  
18 BETWEEN DEPARTMENT HEADS OR EVEN BOARD OFFICES, HE ARBITRATES  
19 AND PEOPLE LISTEN BECAUSE HE'S HUMBLE, QUICK WITTED, FUNNY,  
20 AND DOESN'T HAVE A BIG EGO. REALLY. ". [LAUGHTER.] THIS WAS A  
21 CONSENSUS. [LAUGHTER.] "HE WAS ALWAYS" -- IT'S FICTION, HUH?  
22 [LAUGHTER.] "HE WAS ALWAYS AMONG THE FIRST TO VOLUNTEER FOR A  
23 NEW PROJECT. HE'S SMART AND LIKABLE AND THAT MAKES HIM A GREAT  
24 LEADER." AND I THINK THAT SUMS HIM UP. THE INTERNAL SERVICES  
25 DEPARTMENT OF OUR COUNTY, LIKE ANY MAJOR ORGANIZATION, IS A



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1 CRITICAL ORGANIZATION. IT'S A CRITICAL DEPARTMENT. WITHOUT IT,  
2 THE WHOLE ORGANIZATION COLLAPSES. IT IS EXACTLY WHAT IT SAYS.  
3 IT SERVES THE INTERNAL NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT, FROM  
4 AUTOMOBILES TO EQUIPMENT TO TELEPHONES TO COMPUTERS TO  
5 ELECTRICITY TO WATER, TO MAKING SURE THE TOILETS FLUSH IN THE  
6 BATHROOM, THINGS THAT WE'RE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT AT THE  
7 COLISEUM THIS WEEKEND, AREN'T WE MRS. BURKE, WITH 115,000  
8 PEOPLE COMING TO SEE THE DODGERS PLAY. BUT YOU NEVER HAVE  
9 OCCASION TO COMMEND THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT BECAUSE  
10 IF THEY'RE DOING THEIR JOB PERFECTLY, EVERYTHING IS NORMAL.  
11 THE ONLY TIME THEY ARE CALLED TO YOUR ATTENTION IS WHEN  
12 SOMETHING GOES WRONG. AND OF COURSE THEY'RE THE FIRST ONES TO  
13 GET HAULED ON THE CARPET AND FIX IT AND DO THIS AND DO THAT,  
14 AND DO IT YESTERDAY. I'VE DEALT WITH A LOT OF DIRECTORS, BOTH  
15 AT THE CITY AND HERE IN THE COUNTY. IN THE CITY I THINK WE  
16 CALLED IT THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HERE IT'S I.S.D.  
17 AND YOU'RE AS GOOD AS ANYBODY WE'VE EVER WORKED WITH, THAT  
18 I'VE WORKED WITH IN THIS CAPACITY. AND I'M REALLY SORRY TO SEE  
19 YOU GO. AND I THINK I SPEAK FOR THE BOARD AS A WHOLE, THAT  
20 THIS COUNTY IS GOING TO BE THE LOSER BECAUSE OF YOUR  
21 RETIREMENT. AND, FRANKLY, DAVE, WE RESENT IT. [LAUGHTER.] AND  
22 IF IT WAS JUST UP TO ME, I WOULDN'T GIVE YOU THIS DAMN PLAQUE.  
23 I WOULDN'T EVEN GIVE YOU A T-SHIRT FROM THE DODGERS. BUT  
24 YOU'VE WORKED HARD AND EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE BEEN HERE 28 YEARS,  
25 I THINK THE AMOUNT OF TIME YOU'VE PUT INTO YOUR JOB, IF YOU



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1 WERE A LAWYER, IT WOULD BE 128 YEARS YOU WOULD HAVE BILLED FOR  
2 AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED. SO ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY,  
3 AND THE ENTIRE COUNTY FAMILY, NOT JUST THE BOARD, I WANT TO  
4 PRESENT YOU WITH THIS PROCLAMATION SIGNED BY ALL FIVE OF US TO  
5 WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR RETIREMENT. YOUR WIFE LAURA IS HERE WITH  
6 YOU. I'M SURE SHE'S GOING TO BE -- WELL, I'M NOT SURE SHE'S  
7 GOING TO BE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU BACK. [LAUGHTER.] BUT I'LL LET  
8 HER MAKE THAT DECISION FOR HERSELF. BUT WE'RE GOING TO MISS  
9 YOU. AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAME CHAIRMAN, BEFORE DAVE SPEAKS, LET ME  
12 JUST SAY THERE WERE TWO PROJECTS THAT I WAS DEEPLY INVOLVED  
13 WITH HIM. ONE, HE TOOK THE LEADERSHIP, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
14 INTERNAL SERVICES HAS A PHENOMENAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR  
15 EMANCIPATED YOUTH, OUR FOSTER YOUTH. HE'S DONE AN INCREDIBLE  
16 JOB. AND THE PEOPLE HAVE GONE THROUGH THAT PROGRAM AND THEN  
17 HAVE OBTAINED FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT. AND I'VE HAD THE  
18 OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SOME OF THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE MATURE AND MOVE  
19 ON WITH THEIR LIFE, BEING VERY CONSTRUCTIVE. THE OTHER PROJECT  
20 WE FINALLY GOT OFF THE GROUND WAS THE BEAUTIFICATION OF THE  
21 HALL ADMINISTRATION AND THE MUSIC CENTER. SO NOW WHEN YOU  
22 DRIVE DOWN GRANT AVENUE OR TEMPLE OR HILL AT NIGHT, YOU'LL SEE  
23 ALL THE TREES LIT UP WITH LIGHTS. AND I WANT TO THANK DAVE FOR  
24 A GREAT JOB IN DOING THAT. IF YOU'LL SEE THOSE LIGHTS ARE  
25 WRAPPED AROUND THE TRUNKS ON UP TO THE TOP. AND ALSO BILL



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1 FUJIOKA, AS WELL, ON THAT PROJECT. BUT IT HAS BEAUTIFIED THIS  
2 AREA IN THE EVENING AND MADE IT MORE SAFE, AS WELL, FOR THOSE  
3 WHO GO TO THE DISNEY CONCERT HALL AND THE MUSIC CENTER. SO,  
4 DAVE, HELPING THE FOSTER YOUTH, YOU'VE REALLY LEFT YOUR MARK.  
5 AND WE HOPE THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS WILL FOLLOW THE STEPS THAT  
6 YOU HAVE MADE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** LET ME ADD ON THAT FOSTER YOUTH PROGRAM. IT'S A  
9 PHENOMENAL PROGRAM. WE HAVE ALL SEEN THE BENEFITS OF THAT AND  
10 YOUR WILLINGNESS TO WRAP YOUR ARMS AROUND IT, AND NOT ONLY  
11 THAT, YOUR TEAM. YOU HAVE INCREDIBLE TALENT WITHIN YOUR  
12 DEPARTMENT AS WELL, TOO. SOME GREAT CRAFTSMEN. THEY JUST DO  
13 THEIR JOB AND YOU ALLOW THEM TO DO THEIR JOB. WE ARE GOING TO  
14 MISS YOU. BUT WE APPRECIATE YOU LEAVING YOUR TEAM BEHIND.  
15 [LAUGHTER.] THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE. ONE OF THE THINGS YOU CHANGED -- OBVIOUSLY  
18 I DIDN'T GET MUCH OF THE TRAINING VERY WELL. BUT THANK YOU  
19 AGAIN FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. I THINK THAT FROM THE OUTBURSTS OF  
20 EVERYONE APPLAUDING SO FURIOUSLY, TALKED A LOT ABOUT THE KIND  
21 OF MOTIVATION YOU PROVIDE TO SO MANY OF YOUR EMPLOYEES. I KNOW  
22 MY STAFF HAVE FOUND IT IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS SO  
23 WONDERFUL TO WORK WITH THIS DEPARTMENT. IT WASN'T AS EASY IN  
24 THE PAST. BUT WE APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE AND YOUR  
25 LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU SO MUCH.



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**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I ALSO WANT TO JOIN IN THANKING YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP. BECAUSE WHENEVER WE CALL ON YOU, YOU GET THE PEOPLE OUT THERE. AND WE APPRECIATE THAT AND APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK. OBVIOUSLY THE WHOLE PROGRAM FOR FOSTER CHILDREN IS ONE THAT HAS MADE A TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF SO MANY OF THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE. AND WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SENSITIVITY IN THOSE AREAS. BUT I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE EFFICIENCY OF THE OFFICE AND THE WAY THAT YOU'VE MANAGED TO HELP PEOPLE IN A SPEEDY MANNER AND IN A WAY THAT MAKE OUR FACILITIES OPERATE WELL. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

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**DAVE LAMBERTSON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. [APPLAUSE.]

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**DAVE LAMBERTSON:** THE FIRST THING, IF YOUR DEMOGRAPHICS ARE TRUE, I'VE GOT TO MOVE TO THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND SOON. I HAVE A FEW THANK YOU'S THAT I'D LIKE TO SAY. ZACK, HE PROMISED TO PLAY ME OFF WITH THE MUSIC IF I GO TOO LONG. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR THE KIND WORDS AND THEIR RECOGNITION. I AM HUMBLLED BY THEM. I HAVE BEEN HONORED TO SERVE THE COUNTY AND TO SERVE THIS BOARD. IT'S BEEN A VERY REWARDING AND RICH CAREER. I'VE ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOUR DEPUTIES IN ALL OFFICES. THEY HAVE BEEN PROFESSIONAL, THEY HAVE BEEN



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1 INTERESTED, THEY'VE BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC. SOMETIMES VERY  
2 ENTHUSIASTIC. BUT IT'S ALWAYS APPRECIATED. I'D LIKE TO MENTION  
3 JOAN OUDERKIRK, OUR PRIOR DIRECTOR, AND THANK HER FOR RIDING  
4 OUR SHIP AND TEACHING ME TO STEER IT. I'D LIKE TO THANK SERIO  
5 AND THEIR STAFF. THEY HAVE BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH. MY  
6 FELLOW DEPARTMENT HEADS, WE BAND OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO  
7 MEET AND COMMISERATE. FROM THE FIRST DAY I WAS ACTING THEY  
8 WELCOMED ME WITH OPEN ARMS AND MENTORED AND TUTORED ME. I LOOK  
9 FORWARD THEM DOING THAT IN THE NEXT GENERATION IN DEEPEST  
10 APPRECIATION. I WANT TO THANK MY MANAGEMENT TEAM. THEY ARE A  
11 HARD WORKING, DEDICATED, PROFESSIONAL GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS,  
12 AND I'M PROUD THAT THEY'RE PART OF THE TEAM. WE DID TAKE  
13 SUCCESSION PLAN VERY SERIOUSLY. THERE WAS A BOARD MOTION ON  
14 THAT A COUPLE YEARS AGO, AND DILIGENTLY WORKED TO PUT PEOPLE  
15 IN PLACE. TOM TINDALL, MY CHIEF DEPUTY, WHO HAS BEEN MY HEART  
16 AND SOUL AND CONSCIOUS IN THE CUSTOMER SERVICE AREA, IS GOING  
17 TO MAKE A TERRIFIC DIRECTOR. JIM JONES WOULD MAKE A GREAT  
18 CHIEF DEPUTY. I'M VERY PROUD TODAY THAT RICK SANCHEZ, ONE OF  
19 MY GENERAL MANAGERS, IS ON THE AGENDA TO BE APPOINTED INTERIM  
20 DIRECTOR. AND THERE'S ALL KINDS OF MANAGERS. I WON'T GO  
21 THROUGH THEM ALL. BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION AND  
22 EXPERIENCE. THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT MISS A BEAT. AND IF I CAN  
23 LEAVE THAT LEGACY, THAT'S THE ONE I'D BE PROUDEST OF. I NEED  
24 TO THANK MY WIFE, LAURA, WHO IS HERE WITH ME TODAY. SHE'S BEEN  
25 MY ANCHOR. I WANT TO THANK HER FOR STILL LOVING ME AS I'VE





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1    GAINED WEIGHT AND LOST HAIR. [LAUGHTER.] I PROMISED HER IT  
2    WOULD BE THE REVERSE OF THAT AND IT DIDN'T WORK OUT. I WANT TO  
3    THANK HER FOR PICKING OUT SHIRTS AND TIES THAT MATCH BECAUSE I  
4    HAD NO ABILITY TO DO THAT. AND SHE SENT ME OFF EVERY DAY AND  
5    MADE ME SHINE MY SHOES. I WANT TO THANK HER FOR, UNLIKE  
6    I.S.D., NOT DOING SUCCESSION PLANNING. [LAUGHTER.] THAT'S A  
7    GOOD THING IN THIS CASE. AND I PROMISED HER THAT IN RETURN,  
8    BECAUSE SHE'S GOING TO BE SUPPORTING ME NOW, I'M LEAVING THE  
9    RAT RACE, BUT THERE'S GOING TO BE LESS CHEESE. I PROMISED THAT  
10   I'LL LEARN TO COOK BETTER AND CLEAN BETTER. HOWEVER, THOSE ARE  
11   STRETCH GOALS. [LAUGHTER.] AND THEY'RE SUBJECT TO MID-YEAR  
12   ADJUSTMENTS, ACCORDING TO COUNTY POLICY. MOSTLY I WANT TO  
13   THANK OUR I.S.D. EMPLOYEES. YOU CLEAN AND REPAIR OUR  
14   BUILDINGS. YOU RUN OUR POWER PLANTS AND MANAGE OUR ENERGY. YOU  
15   PARK AND REPAIR OUR CARS, DELIVER OUR MAIL REGARDLESS OF WHAT  
16   THE TEMPERATURE IS. YOU ISSUE CONTRACTS AND PURCHASE ORDERS.  
17   YOU PROGRAM. YOU RUN OUR DATA CENTERS. YOU WORK 24-HOUR SHIFTS  
18   TO ERADICATE NETWORK VIRUSES. ALL WITHOUT COMPLAINT. I  
19   APPRECIATE YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE. AND I THANK YOU FOR  
20   LETTING ME REST ON YOUR STRONG SHOULDERS THE LAST FIVE YEARS.  
21   THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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1    **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MADAME CHAIR, THANK YOU. AT THIS TIME, I  
2    WOULD LIKE TO CALL FORWARD THE ORGANIZER AND ORIGINATOR OF  
3    WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY, JOSE RAMOS AND ART DURAN,  
4    MANNY SANTILLAN, AND PELE QUINONES. THE VIETNAM WAR, AS WE ALL  
5    KNOW, WAS FOUGHT FROM 1961 TO 1975. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF  
6    AMERICANS WHO SERVED IN THE WAR WAS CLOSE TO 3 MILLION. MORE  
7    THAN 58,000 U.S. SOLDIERS LOST THEIR LIVES. AND MORE THAN  
8    300,000 WERE WOUNDED. ON MARCH 30TH, 1973, THE UNITED STATES  
9    ARMED FORCES COMPLETED THE WITHDRAWAL OF OUR COMBAT TROOPS  
10   FROM VIETNAM. MILITARY MEMBERS WHO SERVED BRAVELY AND  
11   FAITHFULLY FOR THE UNITED STATES DURING THE WAR, WHETHER AT  
12   HOME OR ABROAD, WERE MET WITH MIXED EMOTIONS UPON THEIR RETURN  
13   HOME AND WERE NEVER ADEQUATELY HONORED FOR THEIR SERVICE TO  
14   OUR COUNTRY. JOSE RAMOS ESTABLISHED AN APPROPRIATE WAY TO  
15   HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO SERVED  
16   IN THE VIETNAM WAR BY ORIGINATING A WELCOME HOME VIETNAM  
17   VETERANS DAY. ON THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH, AT THE CALIFORNIA  
18   HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD IN WHITTIER, THERE WILL BE A  
19   CELEBRATION THAT WILL BE OPEN TO ALL VETERANS AND THEIR  
20   FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS TO JOIN IN THE WELCOME HOME VIETNAM  
21   VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION. THIS IS A FREE EVENT WHICH WILL  
22   INCLUDE MANY FESTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL. AND WE  
23   ENCOURAGE ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS TO JOIN IN THIS VERY WORTHWHILE  
24   EVENT. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD  
25   AND THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE ARE



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1 PROUD TO SUPPORT YOUR WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY AND  
2 PROCLAIM MARCH 30TH, 2008, WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY.  
3 [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **JOSE RAMOS:** FIRST I'D LIKE TO THANK MY FATHER GOD FOR ALLOWING  
6 ME TO STAND IN FRONT OF YOU. AND SECOND FOR ALLOWING ME TO  
7 SERVE THIS BEAUTIFUL AND WONDERFUL COUNTRY WE LIVE IN. NEXT, I  
8 WOULD LIKE TO ASK EVERY VETERAN IN THE HOUSE TO PLEASE STAND  
9 AND BE RECOGNIZED BY THOSE THAT WE SERVED. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT,  
10 I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR RECOGNIZING THIS GREAT  
11 EVENT AND FOR WELCOMING US HERE. EVERYBODY ON THE BOARD OF  
12 SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR RECEIVING US AND  
13 ACKNOWLEDGING THOSE OF US THAT SERVED WITH YOU AND FOR YOU.  
14 IT'S AN IMPORTANT EVENT BECAUSE VIETNAM, USUALLY WHEN YOU  
15 BRING UP JUST THE TERM VIETNAM, IT BRINGS UP A FROWN ON  
16 PEOPLE'S FACES. WELL, WE'RE TURNING THAT FROWN INTO A SMILE  
17 NOW, BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE UNITED STATES  
18 SENATE AND NOW THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS  
19 ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE VIETNAM VETERAN AND ALL VETERANS WHO  
20 SERVED NEED TO BE RECOGNIZED, ACKNOWLEDGED, HONORED, AND  
21 WELCOMED HOME. I THINK THAT WITH THIS TURNING EVENT, WE'LL  
22 NEVER BE ABLE TO BLAME THE MESSENGER FOR THE MESSAGE. ALL  
23 VETERANS WHO SERVED, ALL VETERANS WHO COME HOME NOW WILL BE  
24 RECEIVED WITH OPEN ARMS, OPEN HEARTS, AND OPEN V.A. CLINICS. I  
25 WANT TO THANK MY TEAM. WE RODE OUR BICYCLES FROM WHITTIER,



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1 CALIFORNIA, TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT WHAT  
2 WE WERE TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER. AND IT WAS A LONG TOUR. IT WAS  
3 A LONG RIDE. BUT WE ACCOMPLISHED A LOT. AND I ALSO WOULD LIKE  
4 TO THANK MY WIFE, WHO WITHOUT HER FAITH AND WITHOUT HER LOVE,  
5 I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COME HOME FROM VIETNAM MYSELF.  
6 GOD BLESS YOU ALL. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING US. AND  
7 WELCOME HOME TO ALL OUR VETERANS. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** JOSE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS GREAT EFFORT.  
10 WE AGAIN INVITE EVERYONE TO ATTEND ON THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH.  
11 BEFORE I DO THIS NEXT PRESENTATION, BECAUSE IT'S ANOTHER SAD  
12 ONE. WE'VE GOT A BUNCH OF RETIREMENTS COMING UP HERE IN LOS  
13 ANGELES COUNTY. I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY CHIEF OF STAFF'S  
14 BIRTHDAY TODAY. YOU KNOW, HE AND I HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR  
15 47 YEARS. SO YOU DAMN SURE KNOW HE'S NOT 47. [LAUGHTER.] BUT I  
16 WILL ACKNOWLEDGE IN ADDITION TO HIS BEING MY CHIEF OF STAFF,  
17 HE HAS TAKEN ON A NEW ASSIGNMENT, AND HE IS GOING TO BE OUR  
18 STAFF LIAISON FOR ALL MEDICARE ISSUES. ANYWAY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
19 CURT. [APPLAUSE.] NOW, WE HAVE ANOTHER VERY SAD PRESENTATION.  
20 I'M GOING TO CALL JOYCE HARRIS UP HERE. JOYCE IS GOING TO BE  
21 RETIRING FROM COUNTY SERVICE AFTER THREE INCREDIBLE DECADES OF  
22 SERVICE HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SHE STARTED, SHE SAID THIS  
23 MORNING, AS A STUDENT WORKER IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHEN  
24 SHE WAS THREE YEARS OLD. [LAUGHTER.] SHE ACTUALLY STARTED HER  
25 COUNTY SERVICE, HER CAREER IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE AND THEN



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1 WORKED FOR BOTH PUBLIC WORKS AND I.S.D. BEFORE JOINING OUR  
2 GREAT OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. SHE HAS BEEN AN  
3 EMERGENCY MANAGER FOR THE PAST 18 YEARS AND SERVED AS PUBLIC  
4 INFORMATION OFFICER AND PAST PROGRAM MANAGER FOR A VERY HIGHLY  
5 ACCLAIMED EMERGENCY SURVIVAL PROGRAM. DURING HER TENURE, SHE  
6 WAS ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION OF  
7 THE E.S.P. CAMPAIGN, WITH 15 COUNTIES, SEVERAL CITIES, THE  
8 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICE, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
9 EDISON, THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE CENTER, AND THE  
10 AMERICAN RED CROSS. SHE PUBLISHED NATIONAL ARTICLES ON E.S.P.,  
11 DEVELOPED SEVERAL VIDEOS AND EVEN PUBLISHED AN E.S.P. ACTIVITY  
12 BOOK FOR KIDS, BOTH MY GRANDDAUGHTERS HAVE THAT. AND SHE HAS  
13 DONE SO MUCH FOR ALL OF US HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN  
14 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. SHE HAS VAST EXPERIENCE IN BOTH  
15 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS, HAVING SERVED AS A MEMBER OF  
16 OUR COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, FINANCE,  
17 ADMINISTRATION, AND RECOVERY TEAM, THE PUBLIC INFORMATION  
18 BRANCH FOR SEVERAL OF OUR DISASTERS, INCLUDING OUR FLOODS, THE  
19 LOS ANGELES RIOT, THE NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE, AND NUMEROUS FIRE  
20 STONES. WE'VE HAD LOTS OF DISASTERS, AND JOYCE HAS ALWAYS BEEN  
21 THERE. THE COUNTY IS VERY, VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE JOYCE FOR  
22 THIS PAST 30 YEARS. SO WE THANK HER VERY, VERY MUCH FOR HER  
23 TRUE PROFESSIONALISM AND FOR HER COUNTLESS HOURS OF PUBLIC  
24 PARTICIPATION IN ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS.  
25 SO WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL YOU HAVE DONE, NOT ONLY FOR OUR



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1 COUNTY TEAM BUT OBVIOUSLY ALL THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES  
2 COUNTY. AND AS YOU KNOW, I'M INVOLVED IN HOMELAND SECURITY AND  
3 ON A COUPLE OF FEDERAL COMMISSIONS. AND I WILL JUST TELL YOU,  
4 OUR PREPAREDNESS AND OUR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS HAS BEEN A  
5 TEMPLATE TO TAKE NATIONALLY IN MANY OF OUR PROGRAMS. BASICALLY  
6 THE N.I.M.S. PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE NATIONALLY IS AN OVERLAY OF  
7 WHAT WE DO HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND THAT'S DUE DIRECTLY  
8 TO YOUR EFFORTS. SO WE WISH YOU THE VERY BEST. GOD SPEED AND A  
9 GREAT RETIREMENT. AND I'M LIKE ZEV. I REALLY DON'T WANT TO  
10 GIVE YOU THIS SCROLL, BUT WE'RE GOING TO, ANYWAY. [APPLAUSE.]  
11 [LOUD CHEERING.]

12

13 **JOYCE HARRIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KNABE. [CHEERING  
14 CONTINUES.] AND TO THE BOARD OFFICES AND TO ALL OF MY  
15 COMPADRES FROM THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. AND ALSO TO  
16 OUR C.E.O., BILL FUJIOKA, AND OTHERS. IT'S REALLY BEEN A GREAT  
17 EXPERIENCE FOR ME WITH THE COUNTY WORKING FOR SO MANY YEARS,  
18 MANY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES. AND IT'S JUST BEEN GREAT, ALL OF  
19 MY WORKING YEARS. ALSO, I WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO MY  
20 HUSBAND, LEON, NOW HE CAN KIND OF RELAX. BECAUSE I BOMBARD HIM  
21 WITH SPECIAL PROJECTS TO HELP ME WITH AND THINGS. SO NOW IT'S  
22 HIS TIME TO RELAX. BUT IT'S BEEN A GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE,  
23 AND I WOULDN'T TRADE MY EXPERIENCES WITH THE COUNTY FOR  
24 ANYTHING THE WORLD. ALTHOUGH I'M VERY SAD TO LEAVE, I LOOK





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1 FORWARD TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND ADVENTURES IN THE YEARS  
2 AHEAD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M GOING TO ASK ROD FROM OUR O.E.M. TO COME UP  
5 AND SHARE A FEW WORDS AS WELL, TOO.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, AND THE BOARD. JOYCE, I'M  
8 GOING TO HAVE TO SAY IT'S GOING TO BE SAD FOR US AT O.E.M. TO  
9 HAVE YOU LEAVE US. YOU'VE BEEN AN OUTSTANDING PERSON,  
10 EMPLOYEE. WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU IN GETTING THE  
11 ACCOLADES THAT WE HAVE, IN REFERENCE TO OUR PREPAREDNESS  
12 AWARDS AND SO FORTH. EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS IS ONE OF YOUR  
13 STRONG PROGRAMS YOU PUT TOGETHER. IT'S BEEN NOTED BY E.S.P.  
14 ALSO ANOTHER ONE. YOU HAVE REALLY DEDICATED YOURSELF FOR  
15 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS. YOU HAVE DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB  
16 AS OUR MEDIA RELATIONS PERSON. AND IT'S GOING TO BE REALLY  
17 HARD TO TOP YOU IN EVERYTHING. AND I DO HOPE YOU REALLY ENJOY  
18 YOUR RETIREMENT. BUT I KNOW WE HAVE SOME EXERCISES COMING UP  
19 IN THE FUTURE AND THAT YOU'LL BE COMING BACK TO ASSIST US. SO  
20 ON BEHALF OF O.E.M. AND THE COUNTY, I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU  
21 FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK EVEN THOUGH YOU WON'T TELL  
22 ANYBODY HOW LONG YOU ACTUALLY HAVE WORKED FOR THE COUNTY.  
23 [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.]

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** YOU KNOW, I WOULD JUST ADD, YOU KNOW, WE SAY A LOT  
2   AND WE READ PART OF THE RESUME, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE  
3   MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT IT IS THE PREPAREDNESS OF THE  
4   CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND WE HAVE CONFRONTED MANY,  
5   MANY DISASTERS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND PREPARATION AND  
6   TRAINING IS THE KEY. AND AGAIN, SHE'S BEEN SUCH AN INTEGRAL  
7   AND IMPORTANT PART OF THAT. AND ALL THE FOLKS AT O.E.M., WE  
8   APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU DO EACH AND EVERY DAY.

9   CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO REITERATE WHAT I HAD SAID LAST  
12   WEEK. WHEN JOYCE WAS HERE, WE HAD SOME PROCLAMATIONS. SHE'S  
13   DONE A SUPERB JOB. THE PROFESSIONALISM THAT SHE HAS PROVIDED  
14   THE COUNTY. AND SHE'S THERE SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AT ALL OF THE  
15   VARIOUS EVENTS THAT WE HAVE IN THE COMMUNITY. AND SHE'S NOT  
16   JUST THERE, BUT SHE'S THERE WITH A SMILE AND PARTICIPATING AND  
17   ACTIVELY INVOLVED. SO, JOYCE, WE APPRECIATE YOUR LONG SERVICE  
18   AND DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO  
21   HAS DEVOTED 25 YEARS TO OUR COUNTY SERVING ON THE HUMAN  
22   RELATIONS COMMISSION AND 25 YEARS SERVING ON THE INSTITUTION  
23   COMMISSION, WAS SYBIL BRAND, WHO WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL DYNAMIC  
24   LEADER IN OUR COUNTY FOR SO MANY YEARS. AND THAT'S VITO  
25   CANNELLA WHO IS HERE THIS MORNING. I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF



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1 BEING A FRIEND OF VITO FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. IT PRE-DATES OUR  
2 SERVICE TO THE COUNT COUNTY. AND HE IS REALLY MR. ENERGIZING  
3 BATTERY WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY OF MONTROSE AND THE LA CRESCENTA,  
4 GLENDALE AREA, LA CANADA OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT HE  
5 IS ALSO QUITE INVOLVED IN HIS CHURCH AND HE'S ALSO INVOLVED IN  
6 THE ITALIAN AMERICAN FEDERATION. AND I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF  
7 BEING WITH VITO WHEN WE MET HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XVI.  
8 VITO AND I SAT IN THE POPE'S CHAIR. IT WAS A GREAT TIME AT THE  
9 SISTINE CHAPEL AND ONE WE WILL NEVER FORGET. VITO HAS MANY,  
10 MANY ROOTS IN OUR COMMUNITY. HE FORMERLY SERVED AS POSTMASTER  
11 GENERAL FOR MONTROSE. AND THEN WAS AFFILIATED, AS I SAID, WITH  
12 THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION AND  
13 CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. AND HE ALSO VOLUNTEERS  
14 HIS TIME AND ENERGY WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH  
15 DISABILITIES IN THE CITY OF PASADENA, TIERRA DEL SOL SCHOOL.  
16 AND WE JUST APPRECIATE YOU. SO, VITO, FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE  
17 WE GIVE YOU THIS AND OUR PROCLAMATION. I WISH YOU ANOTHER  
18 HAPPY 25 YEARS OF SERVICE. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **VITO CANNELLA:** GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE LOS  
21 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND YOU, MIKE IN  
22 PARTICULAR, FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER MY  
23 SERVICE FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS AS A MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT  
24 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, AND ALSO  
25 AS A MEMBER FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 SYBIL BRAND INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS COMMISSION. AND I WOULD  
2 LIKE TO THANK MY ENTIRE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION HERE FOR BEING  
3 HERE TODAY AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS  
4 COMMISSION, TOO. YES, IT'S BEEN MY PLEASURE AND HONOR. AND IN  
5 CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO GIVE SOME TIME AS  
6 A VOLUNTEER IN YOUR COMMUNITY. IN ORDER TO HELP TO CREATE  
7 BETTER NEIGHBORHOODS, BETTER CITY, BETTER COUNTY, BETTER  
8 STATE, AND A BETTER NATION. THE SERGEANT ASKED ME TODAY, "ARE  
9 YOU GOING TO RETIRE?" "NO I'M GOING TO BE AROUND FOR ANOTHER  
10 25 YEARS." [APPLAUSE.] AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAD A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE BRAVO  
13 AWARD. AND WE WANT TO THANK GARRY MARSHALL ONCE AGAIN FOR  
14 BEING THE EMCEE. AND GARRY MARSHALL TAKES TIME FROM HIS  
15 WRITING, PRODUCING, AND DIRECTING TO BE THERE EACH YEAR  
16 BECAUSE OF HIS DEDICATION TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY OF  
17 LOS ANGELES. NOW WE HAVE LOREN KLEINROCK, WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL  
18 OF SAN MARINO HIGH SCHOOL AND GARY WOODS, THE SUPERINTENDENT  
19 OF THE SAN MARINO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AS WE RECOGNIZE  
20 THEM FOR BEING THE 2007 L.A. MUSIC CENTER BRAVO AWARD WINNER.  
21 SINCE 1918, THIS DEDICATED STAFF AND FACULTY OF SAN MARINO  
22 HIGH SCHOOL HAS ENCOURAGED EACH ONE OF ITS STUDENTS TO ADOPT  
23 AND DEVELOP THEIR INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL, AND PERSONAL QUALITIES  
24 TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN AN INTERCONNECTED COMMUNITY. THE MUSIC  
25 CENTER'S BRAVO AWARD WAS ESTABLISHED BACK IN 1982 TO RECOGNIZE



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1 EDUCATORS AND SCHOOLS FOR INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN ARTS  
2 EDUCATION. AND IT HONORS THOSE EDUCATORS WHO USE THOSE ARTS TO  
3 REVITALIZE TEACHING, ENHANCE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND FOSTER  
4 SELF-ESTEEM, TEAMWORK, AND CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION AND  
5 UNDERSTANDING. NOW, THESE NOMINEES ARE MADE BY PRINCIPALS,  
6 FACULTY, COMMUNITY, SUPERINTENDENTS OR PARENTS. AND EACH  
7 NOMINEE IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A VERY RIGOROUS APPLICATION  
8 PROCESS INCLUDING AN EXTENSIVE REVIEW BY A SELECT COMMITTEE OF  
9 EDUCATORS AND ARTISTS, AND A DAY-LONG VISITATION BY A GROUP OF  
10 BRAVO AWARD JUDGES. SO ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
11 LOREN AND GARY, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE LEADERSHIP YOU'RE  
12 PROVIDING AND YOUR CLASSROOM INSTRUCTORS AND THE STUDENTS WHO  
13 PARTICIPATED IN BRINGING HOME THE GOLD TO SAN MARINO HIGH  
14 SCHOOL. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **LOREN KLEINROCK:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE REST OF THE  
17 BOARD, ON BEHALF OF SAN MARINO HIGH SCHOOL AND SAN MARINO  
18 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND OUR SUPERINTENDENT, DR. GARY  
19 WOODS, WE'D LIKE THE THANK YOU FOR THIS RECOGNITION THIS  
20 MORNING. SAN MARINO HIGH SCHOOL IS USUALLY RECOGNIZED FOR ITS  
21 ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS. BUT THE ARTS ARE A VERY IMPORTANT  
22 PART OF OUR PROGRAM, PROVIDING BALANCE AND MEANING TO THE  
23 LIVES OF OUR STUDENTS. AND AT A TIME WHEN THERE IS SO MUCH  
24 FOCUS ON WHAT'S WRONG WITH PUBLIC EDUCATION, IT'S GREAT TO BE



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1 PART OF SOMETHING THAT RECOGNIZES WHAT'S RIGHT WITH PUBLIC  
2 EDUCATION. SO WE THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW I WANT TO INTRODUCE ANOTHER PERSON THAT  
5 WE ARE VERY SORRY TO SEE WHO IS RETIRING AND THAT'S DONOVAN  
6 MAIN. DONOVAN? [APPLAUSE.] [LOUD CHEERING.] WITH 38 YEARS OF  
7 EXEMPLARY AND DEDICATED SERVICE, ATTORNEY FOR THE OFFICE OF  
8 COUNTY COUNSEL. HE SERVED OUR COUNTY BOARD AND ITS OTHER  
9 ELECTED OFFICERS, AND DEPARTMENTS, DISTRICTS, BOARDS AND  
10 COMMISSIONS. HE'S A GRADUATE OF OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE AND THE  
11 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF LAW. AND HE BEGAN  
12 HIS CAREER IN THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE BACK IN 1969. SINCE  
13 THEN, HE'S DEVELOPED HIS OUTSTANDING LEGAL SKILLS FOR THE  
14 BENEFIT OF ALL. HE'S EARNED THE RESPECT OF THE LEGAL  
15 COMMUNITY, HIS PEERS AND SUPERVISORS FOR HIS DEDICATION,  
16 PROFESSIONALISM, AS EVIDENCED BY HIS SUCCESSIVE PROMOTIONS  
17 FROM DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL TO CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL.  
18 DURING HIS TENURE IN OFFICE, HIS CAREER HAS TOUCHED ON MANY OF  
19 OUR AREAS, ITS PRACTICE INCLUDING SCHOOL LAW, LABOR AND  
20 EMPLOYMENT LAW, AND LITIGATION. SINCE 2003, HIS APPOINTMENT TO  
21 THE POSITION OF CHIEF DEPUTY, HE'S BEEN INVOLVED IN ALL  
22 ASPECTS OF OFFICE MANAGEMENT, LEGAL ADVICE TO THE BOARD AND  
23 OTHER COUNTY OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENTS. FOR MANY YEARS, HE'S  
24 BEEN THE GENERAL COUNSEL TO THE COLISEUM COMMISSION, AND HE'S  
25 ABLY ASSISTED IN STEERING A STRAIGHT COURSE THROUGHOUT THE





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1 COMPLEX CURRENTS OF THE SPORTING AREAS, SPORTING SEAS, I  
2 SHOULD SAY, AT THE COLISEUM. AND DURING HIS LONG AND  
3 DISTINGUISHED CAREER, HE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS LETTERS OF  
4 COMMENDATION FROM CLIENTS AS WELL AS RESPECT AND RECOGNITION  
5 FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL UNDER WHOM HE HAS SERVED. SO DONOVAN,  
6 YOU'VE BEEN A GOOD FRIEND AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR  
7 CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. I KNOW YOUR  
8 LEADERSHIP AS A MEMBER OF THE COLISEUM COMMISSION. HE HAS  
9 ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO GIVE CLEAR AND CONCISE DIRECTION AND  
10 ADVICE AND INPUT ON THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE VARIOUS ISSUES  
11 THAT WE RESOLVE BECAUSE WE ARE A STATE/CITY/COUNTY  
12 JURISDICTION THAT WE HAVE CONTROL OVER, AND THE BIG LANDLORD  
13 IS THE STATE THAT WE ALL HAVE LITTLE DIFFICULTIES WITH FROM  
14 TIME TO TIME. BUT, ANYWAY, DONOVAN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
15 LEADERSHIP, YOUR DEDICATION, YOUR SERVICE. AND WE WISH YOU  
16 CONTINUED SUCCESS. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** MADAME CHAIR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND  
19 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I HAVE, FOR ALMOST 40 YEARS NOW, IT'S  
20 ALMOST FOUR DECADES, I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE AND PLEASURE OF  
21 WORKING WITH DONOVAN. WE'VE SHARED A LOT OF ASSIGNMENTS AND  
22 THOUGHTS. DURING THOSE LONG YEARS OF HIS CAREER, HE HAS  
23 WRESTLED WITH, RESOLVED, HAD TO DEAL WITH A MYRIAD OF ISSUES,  
24 ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT COME BEFORE US AS PUBLIC LAWYERS AND  
25 HAS SERVED ALL OF US VERY WELL. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL



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1 APPRECIATION FOR ALL THAT HE'S DONE AND EXTEND THE THANKS FOR  
2 THE MEMBERS OF THE OFFICE FOR HIS MENTORING, HIS INSTITUTIONAL  
3 MEMORY, AND MAYBE MOST OF ALL FOR HIS UNFLAPPABLE STYLE. HE'S  
4 VERY APPROACHABLE. ANYONE IN THE OFFICE CAN APPROACH HIM AND  
5 HAS LIKELY DONE SO FOR A LITTLE BIT OF WISDOM, A LITTLE BIT OF  
6 GUIDANCE OR MAYBE JUST CALMING DOWN. BUT HE'S DONE A GREAT JOB  
7 AND WE WILL MISS HIM. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **DONOVAN MAIN:** THANK YOU. AND THANKS, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
10 AND THANKS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT SEEMS STRANGE TO BE HERE.  
11 I'VE CERTAINLY SEEN A LOT OF THESE PRESENTED OVER THE YEARS. I  
12 GUESS IT HAS BEEN ABOUT 38-1/2 YEARS AGO. AND FOR ZEV'S  
13 BENEFIT, THAT'S ABOUT 75 YEARS AT A GOVERNMENT RATE.  
14 [LAUGHTER.] BUT I CAME DOWN HERE 38-1/2 YEARS AGO FRESH OUT OF  
15 LAW SCHOOL, LOOKING FOR A JOB. MY WIFE AND I HAD FRANKLY RAN  
16 OUT OF MONEY. AND I WANTED TO GO TO CIVIL COURT. THEY TOLD ME  
17 I COULD DO THAT. THEY WEREN'T WRONG ABOUT THAT. WHAT I DIDN'T  
18 TELL THEM IS THAT I WAS GOING TO STAY 2, 3 YEARS, GO BACK UP  
19 NORTH, SANTA BARBARA, VENTURA COUNTY IS WHERE I CAME FROM, AND  
20 PRACTICE LAW UP THERE. ABOUT THE LAST FIVE YEARS, I'VE BEEN  
21 TELLING MOST PEOPLE THAT I WAS THINKING OF MAKING IT A CAREER  
22 HERE. AND I GUESS I HAVE. BUT IT'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLE  
23 PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY AND AN INCREDIBLE PERSONAL JOURNEY. THE  
24 COLLEAGUES, ATTORNEYS, STAFF, ALL THE REST OF THE STAFF IN OUR  
25 OFFICE AS WELL AS THE BOARD STAFFS, C.E.O., HUMAN RESOURCES,



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1 ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WHO WE WORK WITH, AND OUR JOB IS TO  
2 FACILITATE GETTING THE COUNTY'S JOB AND THE MISSION DONE. AND  
3 THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT OF SUPPORT FOR THESE FIVE ELECTED  
4 OFFICIALS. NONE OF US GET TO VOTE. THEY HAVE TO VOTE AND BEAR  
5 THE RESPONSIBILITY, STAND FOR ELECTION. AND IT'S A FASCINATING  
6 POLITICAL PROCESS. I WAS A POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR AT  
7 OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE, FRANKLY, BECAUSE IT WAS THE FEWEST NUMBER  
8 OF REQUIRED COURSES IN A MAJOR. BUT THIS HAS BEEN A LESSON IN  
9 POLITICAL SCIENCE THAT CAN'T BE RIVALED. I DON'T KNOW WHERE  
10 THERE IS THE OPPORTUNITY IN LAW, PROBABLY MANY OTHER JOBS IN  
11 THIS COUNTY, WHERE YOU GET THE VARIETY OF ISSUES, THE  
12 SERIOUSNESS OF ISSUES, SOME OF THE SILLINESS OF SOME SMALL  
13 ISSUES THAT WE DEAL WITH DAY IN AND DAY OUT. IT'S A LARGE  
14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT. THE PEOPLE DO HAVE ACCESS. AND I FRANKLY  
15 FEEL LIKE I'VE EXPERIENCED POLITICAL SCIENCE 501 AND WELL  
16 BEYOND, AND LIVE IT EVERY DAY. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR  
17 THE OPPORTUNITY. IT'S BEEN FASCINATING AND VERY, VERY  
18 REWARDING. AND, AGAIN, MY THANKS TO RAY, THE OTHER COUNTY  
19 COUNSELS WHO I'VE SERVED UNDER, AND ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES  
20 ESPECIALLY THAT HAVE MADE IT WONDERFUL. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR? [APPLAUSE.] I THINK WITH ALL THE  
23 LAWYERS IN THE ROOM, WE PROBABLY CAN GET ONE OPINION. AND THAT  
24 OPINION IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU. I'VE ENJOYED WORKING  
25 WITH YOU OVER THE YEARS. I, TOO, STARTED WITH THE COUNTY FOR



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1 90 DAYS MANY YEARS AGO. BUT, SERIOUSLY, DONOVAN, YOUR EFFORTS  
2 NOT ONLY AT THE COLISEUM COMMISSION BUT ON THE VARIOUS ISSUES  
3 THAT WE'VE CONFRONTED OVER THE YEARS, I'VE APPRECIATED YOUR  
4 ADVICE AND WISDOM AND THE SENSE OF HISTORY AND THE CONTINUITY  
5 HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB  
6 FOR ALL OF US AND WE WISH YOU THE VERY, VERY BEST IN  
7 RETIREMENT.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT. YOU'VE DONE A  
10 MARVELOUS JOB IN THE COLISEUM. VERY DIFFICULT. [INAUDIBLE]  
11 SORRY. I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK  
12 WITH THE COLISEUM. YOU HAVE HAD INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT TIMES  
13 GOING THROUGH RENEWING THE CONTRACTS, THE LEASE WITH THE  
14 STATE, THE AGREEMENT WITH U.S.C., AND TO GET THROUGH ALL OF  
15 THAT AND DEALING WITH SOME VERY DIFFICULT PEOPLE ON THE OTHER  
16 SIDE SOMETIMES, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR THE CALIBER OF  
17 WORK YOU'VE DONE THERE. AND WE HOPE YOU'RE GOING TO BE  
18 AVAILABLE TO ANSWER SOME OF THOSE QUESTIONS IN THE FUTURE.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I ADD, DONOVAN? I MEAN, YOU'RE ONE OF THE  
21 VERY FIRST PEOPLE THAT I MET HERE WHEN I FIRST CAME. AND WE'VE  
22 BEEN TANGLING SINCE ON EVERY SINGLE CASE, IT SEEMS LIKE. BUT  
23 I'VE ALWAYS APPRECIATED YOUR WORK. I REALLY HAVE APPRECIATED  
24 HOW YOU'VE DEALT WITH ALL OF US IN TRYING TO GET US THE  
25 ANSWERS TO THE MANY QUESTIONS THAT WE ASK ALL THE TIME. I



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1 TRULY APPRECIATE IT. I WISH YOU WELL ON YOUR RETIREMENT. YOU  
2 ARE VERY, VERY DESERVING. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION  
3 TO L.A. COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, LET ME JUST ADD MY  
6 CONGRATULATIONS TO DONOVAN ON HIS RETIREMENT AND ON HIS YEARS  
7 OF SERVICE HERE. I'VE ALSO ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU, ASIDE  
8 FROM EVERYTHING ELSE THAT'S BEEN SAID, ALL OF WHICH IS  
9 GENERALLY TRUE. [LAUGHTER.] YOU'RE ALSO JUST A NICE GUY. AND  
10 IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE WHEN YOU CAN LIKE THE PEOPLE YOU'RE  
11 ARGUING WITH SOMETIMES. AND YOU'VE BEEN A REAL FRIEND TO OUR  
12 OFFICE. WE APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **DONOVAN MAIN:** THANK YOU ALL. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. MAYBE  
15 IT'S PROPHETIC. BUT IN THE MAIL YESTERDAY I GOT A JURY  
16 SUMMONS. FOR APRIL 14TH. I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU CAN DO  
17 ANYTHING ABOUT IT. [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANOTHER ONE OF OUR DEPUTY SHERIFFS IS  
20 RETIRING AFTER 38 YEARS, AND THAT'S DEPUTY ERIC LIBRECK WHO IS  
21 HERE. ERIC? AND AS YOU KNOW, HE'S BEEN SERVING WITH STEVE  
22 WHEATCROFT AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
23 SECURITY OPERATIONS UNIT. HE'S BEEN AN INSTRUMENTAL COMPONENT  
24 IN PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
25 THE MEMBERS OF OUR JUDICIARY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO RETIRE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ERIC GRADUATED IN 1976 FROM THE SHERIFF'S  
5 ACADEMY. BACK IN 1976. AND HIS ASSIGNMENTS HAVE BEEN VERY  
6 VARIED. AND MANY OF YOU WILL PROBABLY SEE THIS FAMILIAR FACE  
7 BECAUSE YOU SEE HIM ON ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT. YOU SEE HIM ON  
8 FOX NEWS, CNN, CBS, ABC, AND KNBC ESCORTING TO AND FROM JAIL  
9 PARIS HILTON, TO COURT WHITNEY SPEARS, ALL OF THE BIGGIES HE'S  
10 BEEN INVOLVED WITH. HIS ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDED THE WAYSIDE  
11 RANCHO MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM FACILITIES, CRESCENTA VALLEY  
12 STATION, THE SYBIL BRAND INSTITUTE, THE CRIMINAL COURTS  
13 BUILDING, AND THE COURT SERVICES, AS I SAID, SECURITY  
14 OPERATIONS UNIT. AND THAT'S THE ELITE PART WITHIN THE  
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT IS INVOLVED FOR JUDICIAL,  
16 LEGISLATIVE PROTECTION. HE'S BEEN QUITE INVOLVED IN THOSE HIGH  
17 PROFILE CASES, O.J. SIMPSON, AS I DID FAIL TO MENTION, BUT  
18 ALONG WITH PARIS HILTON AND BRITNEY SPEARS. NOW HE'S GOING TO  
19 EMBARK ON A VERY NEW JOURNEY INTO RETIREMENT AND EXPLORE NEW  
20 FOUND PASSIONS. I GUESS YOU AND LAMBERT ARE GOING TO DO THE  
21 SAME. COOKING. DAVE WASN'T DOING GOLF. SO MAYBE YOU'RE GOING  
22 TO TAKE DAVE LAMBERT TO DO GOLF AND HE'LL HELP YOU WITH YOUR  
23 COOKING. SO, ANYWAY, ERIC, IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH  
24 YOU. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF MARRYING ERIC AND CATHERINE MANY  
25 YEARS AGO. AND THEY WERE A YOUNG BRIDAL COUPLE. STILL HAPPY,





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1 STILL SMILING. SO, SO FAR IT'S WORKED. IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU  
2 AS A FRIEND AND ALSO AS A PROTECTOR.

3

4 **STEVE WHITCROFT:** WHILE THE GROUP IS COMING UP THAT WORKS WITH  
5 ERIC, I'LL TELL YOU, IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE WORKING WITH ERIC  
6 FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS NOW WE'VE BEEN WORKING. HE'S THE MOST  
7 TENURED DEPUTY IN THE UNIT. I'M GOING TO MISS HIS  
8 INVESTIGATIVE EXPERIENCE AND HIS WIT. HE'S BEEN A GOOD FRIEND  
9 AND WE'RE REALLY GOING TO MISS HIM. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **ERIC LIBRECK:** WELL, THIS IS QUITE AN HONOROUS OCCASION. AND I  
12 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH, MIKE, AS I CALL HIM.  
13 WE'RE GOOD FRIENDS. ESPECIALLY ALL THE OTHER SUPERVISORS,  
14 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL  
15 OF MY COWORKERS WHO ARE MORE THAN COWORKERS, BUT MORE LIKE  
16 FAMILY. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S BEEN A LONG ROAD,  
17 IT'S BEEN A HAPPY ROAD. THE COUNTY'S BEEN GOOD TO ME. THANK  
18 YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE REALLY TWO UNIQUE LITTLE BOYS, A  
21 SHITZU AND A SILKY TERRIER. THEY ARE BOTH TWO YEARS OLD. ONE  
22 IS MATT, THE SHITZU, AND SUNNY IS THE TERRIER. THIS IS SUNNY  
23 AND THIS IS MACK. THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A HOME. THEY COME AS A  
24 PAIR OR SINGLE. SO YOU CALL 562-728-4644 AND YOU CAN ADOPT  
25 THESE LITTLE CRITTERS. IF YOU COME INTO MY OFFICE, YOU KNOW MY



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1 SECRETARY, LINDA, HAS ONE LITTLE SHITZU, WHO IS PART OF THE  
2 STAFF, WHO IS BOTH AT THE FRONT OFFICE AND THE BACK OFFICE.  
3 LITTLE MICHAEL AND MARY COME DOWN, THEY'RE ONE OF THEIR  
4 PLAYMATES. WHO DO YOU SEE? ANYBODY? LOOK AT THAT MAN OVER  
5 THERE. HE WOULD LOVE YOU. GETTING CLOSE? OKAY. HOW ABOUT ZEV,  
6 DO YOU WANT THE OTHER ONE?

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO START WITH THE PUBLIC  
9 HEARINGS. WE'LL DO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FIRST. BUT, YOU KNOW,  
10 MAYBE WE COULD GET SOME OF THOSE ITEMS THAT WERE TO BE  
11 CONTINUED, CAN WE GET SUPERVISOR MOLINA TO CALL UP HER ITEMS  
12 FIRST?

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 13. I THINK  
15 THAT'S CONTINUED. BUT WE HAVE A PUBLIC SPEAKER.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS, ON 13? IS THERE ANYONE ELSE ON  
18 13? WHILE HE'S COMING UP, DO YOU WANT TO CALL THE ONE THAT HAS  
19 KATHY OCHOA ASKING TO SPEAK?

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT WOULD BE ITEM NUMBER 17.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL CALL UP 17. IS SHE HERE? ALL RIGHT.  
24 YOU CAN START WITH WHICHEVER ITEMS, I HOPE YOU BROUGHT ALL OF  
25 THEM UP WITH YOU, ALL YOUR MATERIAL FOR ALL YOUR ITEMS?



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YOU HAVE NUMBERS 13, 14, 17, 20, AND 22.

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, HOW  
5 ARE YOU TODAY? ITEM NO. 13, THE GANG VIOLENCE REDUCTION  
6 STRATEGY. THERE'S A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT I'D LIKE TO COMMENT  
7 ABOUT THIS. PART OF THE LANGUAGE IN THIS ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA,  
8 COORDINATED INTEGRATED DELIVERY OF COUNTY RESOURCES THAT  
9 MAXIMIZES INITIAL COUNTY CONTACT WITH YOUTH AND FAMILIES.  
10 BASED ON EXPERIENCE HERE IN FRONT OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
11 SUPERVISORS AND THE ACTIONS THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
12 SUPERVISORS HAVE TAKEN, IT IS MIND BOGGLING, AND I'M GLAD THAT  
13 YOU'RE HOLDING THIS FOR REVIEW, THAT YOU WOULD CONSIDER DOING  
14 SOMETHING COORDINATED AND INTEGRATED BECAUSE MOST OF YOUR  
15 ACTIONS TEND TO BE JUST THE OPPOSITE. SO I THINK YOU SHOULD  
16 REVIEW YOUR LANGUAGE ON THIS ITEM OF YOUR AGENDA. I'D ALSO  
17 LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT YOU'RE RECOMMENDING IN THIS THAT THE  
18 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER PERFORM A COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT. AND ITEM 14,  
19 YOU'RE APPOINTING AN INTERIM AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. QUESTIONING:  
20 WOULD THAT BE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INTERIM AUDITOR-  
21 CONTROLLER? OR WILL YOU BE WAITING TO APPOINT, OR WILL YOU BE  
22 WAITING FOR YOUR APPOINTEE TO FILL THE POSITION, NOT YOUR  
23 INTERIM APPOINTEE, TO DO THE AUDIT ON THIS ITEM? AND SINCE I'M  
24 COMBINING KIND OF THE TWO, THE SALARY THAT YOUR INTERIM  
25 AUDITOR IS GOING TO BE GETTING IS \$187,000. I KNOW THAT WHEN



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1 YOU HAD THE LAST YEAR WHEN THE C.E.O. RETIRED AND YOU HELD HIM  
2 ON FOR FOUR MONTHS, YOU RAISED HIS SALARY FROM 250 TO 290. IS  
3 THIS AN INTERIM SALARY? AND WILL THE NEW APPOINTEE BE GETTING  
4 THIS? OR WILL THEY BE GETTING AN INCREASE ON THE 187? AND WILL  
5 THEY ALSO BE GETTING, AS WAS DONE WITH THE ORDINANCE THAT WAS  
6 PASSED FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, A YEARLY INCREASE ON THEIR  
7 SALARY? I THINK THE PUBLIC'S ENTITLED TO KNOW THAT. I BELIEVE  
8 THAT THAT WOULD HANDLE ITEMS 13 AND 14. WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO  
9 CONTINUE, MADAME CHAIR?

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. WHY DON'T YOU FINISH ALL YOUR ITEMS.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 17 IS AN AMENDMENT TO THE DIETARY SERVICES  
14 AGREEMENT WITH MORRISON HEALTHCARE INC. FOR OVER \$10 MILLION.  
15 AND I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS. IT'S TO ADD COLISEUM  
16 CAFETERIA SERVICES L.A.C.+U.S.C. AND WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S  
17 HOSPITAL EFFECTIVE APRIL 1ST 2008. MY CONCERNS ARE THAT  
18 EVIDENTLY THE CONTRACT THAT WAS IN PLACE IS ENDING. MY  
19 QUESTION IS, IF IT WAS ENDING, THE CONTRACT THAT'S IN PLACE  
20 RIGHT NOW, DID OR DID NOT INCLUDE THESE SERVICES, DIETARY  
21 SERVICES. IF THEY DID NOT INCLUDE THE DIETARY SERVICES, THEN  
22 THE NEW CONTRACT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN SOUGHT WOULD HAVE  
23 INCLUDED THE BID FOR THESE DIETARY SERVICES. OR, UNLESS  
24 SOMEBODY WAS ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL, THEY JUST FORGOT THAT THEY  
25 NEEDED DIETARY SERVICES AT THESE THREE INSTITUTIONS. THAT



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1 BEING THE CASE, I NEED TO CHECK TO SEE WHAT THE PURPOSE WAS  
2 THERE. IF THEY WERE ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL, THEY NEED TO BE  
3 REPRIMANDED ON THAT. IF THEY WERE, THE SERVICES WERE INCLUDED  
4 IN THE OLD CONTRACT, WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN A \$10 MILLION  
5 INCREASE? AT L.A.X., WHEN THEY DID THE MID-FIELD CONCOURSE,  
6 THEY NEGLECTED TO GREEN. SO THEY ADDED \$10 MILLION CONTRACT TO  
7 GREEN THE MIDFIELD CONCOURSE. THEY DIDN'T LAY A STONE, THEY  
8 DIDN'T DO ANY CONSTRUCTION, THEY HADN'T SHOVELED A BIT OF  
9 DIRT, THEY INCREASED THE CONTRACT BY \$10 MILLION TO GREEN.  
10 THAT'S A LOT OF GREEN TO GREEN. SAME PURPOSE HERE. \$10 MILLION  
11 IS A LOT OF BREAD TO FEED FOR AN INCLUDED CONTRACT. WHAT OTHER  
12 ONES WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO SPEAK ON, MADAME CHAIR?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** 17 AND 20.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NUMBER 20 IS A CONTRACT TO ALLOCATE SOME FUNDING  
17 FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAMS. AND THE ONLY REASON I'M  
18 CONCERNED ABOUT THAT IS BACK IN JANUARY, JANUARY 29TH ON YOUR  
19 AGENDA ITEM 2-D, YOU ALSO HAD A GRANT TO THE 1736 FAMILY  
20 CRISIS CENTER FOR SERVICES AND OPERATION COSTS FOR THE LONG  
21 BEACH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER, APPROXIMATELY \$300,000? A  
22 LITTLE OVER \$300,000. SO MY CONCERN IS, IS THAT HERE THEY'RE  
23 GETTING ANOTHER GRANT. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE  
24 PIGGYBACKING THE GRANTS. IS THERE A DIFFERENTIATED WAY TO  
25 AUDIT THAT THE GRANT MONEY THAT THEY'RE BEING GIVEN ON THE



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1 FIRST GRANT IS NOT GOING TO BE SPENT FOR THE SECOND GRANT? OR  
2 THE SECOND GRANT IS NOT GOING TO BE SPENT ON THE FIRST GRANT?  
3 HOW WILL THAT BE MANAGED AND WHO WILL THEY REPORT TO SO THAT  
4 THE FUNDING THAT THEY'RE GETTING EVIDENTLY IS COMING FROM TWO  
5 DIFFERENT OUTLETS, TWO DIFFERENT SOURCES, AND JUST TO BE MADE  
6 SURE THAT THEY SPEND THE APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE APPROPRIATE  
7 CARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND YOUR  
8 ATTENTION.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE ITEMS 13, 14 AND 20.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 13, 13 WAS A REFER BACK TO  
13 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S THE ONE WE'RE REFERRING  
16 BACK. THAT'S RIGHT.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM 13 WILL BE REFERRED  
19 BACK.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THEN MOVE ITEMS 14, 17 AND 20 -- OH NO. 14  
22 AND 20. 17 I HAVE A MOTION ON.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON 14, IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH  
25 -- I MEAN IT'S MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH;





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1 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. 20, I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR  
2 ANTONOVICH, WERE YOU HOLDING THAT, ALSO?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT.  
5 WOULD YOU PRESENT YOUR AMENDMENT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST MOVE THAT THE BOARD SUPPORT ITEM 20 AND  
8 DIRECT THE C.E.O., IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 MENTAL HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,  
10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND L.A. COUNTY H.S.A. TO REPORT BACK IN  
11 30 DAYS ON THE CONTINUUM OF ALL THE VARIOUS T.A.Y. HOUSING AND  
12 SHELTER SERVICES AND HOW THEY COMPARE AND CONTRAST, HOW THEY  
13 MAY BE BETTER INTEGRATED, COORDINATED, AND STREAMLINED, AND  
14 THE PRIORITY WITHIN EACH, GIVEN TO SERVING CURRENT AND FORMER  
15 FOSTER YOUTH.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITH THAT AMENDMENT, MOVED BY MOLINA,  
18 SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON 20.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** NEXT, MS. BURKE, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM NUMBER  
21 18.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 18. DR. CLAVREUL.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF YOU WANT THE DEPARTMENT TO COME UP?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. I THINK THAT ITEM IS CONTINUED. RIGHT?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONTINUED. OKAY. DR. CLAVREUL.

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6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

7 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM STILL CONCERNED ABOUT THAT ITEM.

8 I KNOW IT HAS BEEN CONTINUED FOREVER. I DON'T SENSE IT'S IN

9 IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY OF CORRECTION. I THINK, YOU KNOW, TO

10 POSTPONE IT EVERY WEEK IS NOT A GOOD THING. BUT THE THING I'M

11 MOST CONCERNED IS THE WORDING. HOW CAN YOU GO BACK AND TOTALLY

12 CHANGE A TERM OF AGREEMENT RETROACTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2006? I'M

13 ASTONISHED. HOW LEGALLY CAN YOU DO THAT?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN CONTINUED. AND WE'LL GET ALL

16 THOSE THINGS ANSWERED. THAT'S THE REASON WHY THESE THINGS ARE

17 CONTINUED.

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19 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YEAH, I KNOW. IT'S WHY I'M POSING THAT

20 QUESTION. BECAUSE YOU KNOW, YOU CANNOT REWRITE A PREVIOUS

21 CONTRACT. YOU CAN MAKE AMENDMENT TO THE PREVIOUS CONTRACT. AND

22 IT'S A LOT OF LOOSE ITEMS IN THAT PROPOSITION. AND THE NUMBER

23 HAS CHANGED FROM ONE PART OF THE CONTRACT TO THE OTHER. SO I

24 THINK YOU SHOULD REALLY LOOK AT IT. AND I THINK ONE THE

25 CONTRACTS, IT SAID THOSE PHYSICIANS APPROVED, THE CONTRACTOR,



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1 ARE ALLOWED TO STAFF EITHER WITH CERTIFIED BOARD OF EMERGENCY  
2 MEDICINE, OR QUALIFIED TO BE ELIGIBLE. BUT IT'S A BIG  
3 DIFFERENCE BEING BETWEEN ELIGIBLE FOR THE BOARD VERSUS BE  
4 BOARD CERTIFIED. HOW MANY ARE WE GUARANTEED TO BE BOARD  
5 CERTIFIED VERSUS ELIGIBLE? AND THAT'S NOT SPECIFIED AT ALL IN  
6 THAT. SO THAT'S A VERY LOOSE POINT. ALSO, I THINK WE NEED TO  
7 REVIEW IT, THE CONSULTANT, ABOUT KING-DREW MEDICAL CENTER. THE  
8 REPORT WAS DUE END OF DECEMBER. WE ARE ALMOST APRIL 1ST. I  
9 THINK WE DESERVE AN ANSWER. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT ITEM IS CONTINUED.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT'S CONTINUED. ON 17,  
16 KATHY OCHOA --

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S RIGHT. NEXT I WANT TO CALL UP 17, BECAUSE  
19 I HAVE AN AMENDMENT, AS WELL. AND I THINK THERE ARE SOME  
20 SPEAKERS HERE ON ITEM NUMBER 17.

21

22 **KATHY OCHOA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, KATHY OCHOA ON  
23 BEHALF OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. I'D LIKE TO -- I'VE BEEN BRIEFED  
24 ON THE MOTION THAT WILL BE PRESENTED HERE TODAY. I'D LIKE TO  
25 SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF BETTER MANAGEMENT OF THE MORRISON DIETARY



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1 AGREEMENT THAT'S BEING PRESENTED TO THIS BOARD FOR A VOTE.  
2 IT'S BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A LOT OF DISCUSSION AT THE HEALTH  
3 DEPUTY'S MEETING, IN UNION MEETINGS, IN SIDE MEETINGS. AND THE  
4 REASON WHY IT'S OF INTEREST IS BECAUSE WE ARE LOOKING TO FILL  
5 A BUDGET GAP THAT WOULD HELP US PRESERVE OUR HEALTHCARE  
6 SERVICES. AND ONE OF THE AREAS WE THINK THAT WE NEED TO LOOK  
7 INTO ARE EFFICIENCIES IN CONTRACTS AS WE TESTIFIED LAST MONTH.  
8 AND WE DELIVERED YESTERDAY TO EACH CHIEF DEPUTY AND EACH  
9 HEALTH DEPUTY A REPORT ON THE HIGH COST OF CONTRACTING OUT. WE  
10 ALSO SENT IT TO MR. FUJIOKA. SO SOME SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS  
11 WE'D LIKE TO ADD TO THE MORRISON AGREEMENT, MR. FUJIOKA, IF I  
12 CAN HAVE YOUR ATTENTION? OKAY. SOME SPECIFIC, ZEV? THANK YOU.  
13 I HAVE SOME SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MORRISON AGREEMENT  
14 THAT I'D LIKE THIS BOARD TO CONSIDER. THE FIRST ONE IS A  
15 REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD BEGINNING JANUARY 2009, AND MONTHLY  
16 THEREAFTER, ON THE STATUS OF ACTUAL AND ANTICIPATED TRANSITION  
17 ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH DIETARY SERVICES IN THE NEW FACILITY,  
18 VENDOR PERFORMANCE, MODIFICATION TO THE CURRENT AGREEMENT AND  
19 AN ASSESSMENT ON ITS IMPACT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW R.F.P.  
20 AND, SECONDLY, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER A REPORT BACK TO  
21 THIS BOARD AT ITS JUNE 24TH, 2008 MEETING, A PROPOSAL TO  
22 CONSOLIDATE THE PROVISION OF DIETARY SERVICES IN COUNTY  
23 HOSPITALS INTO A SINGLE R.F.P. WITH UNIFORM CONTRACT TERMS AND  
24 STANDARDS TO LEVERAGE ECONOMIES OF SCALE AND PRICING IN ORDER  
25 TO PROVIDE A SINGLE STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR DIETARY



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1 SERVICES ACROSS COUNTY HOSPITALS AND TO ACHIEVE EFFICIENCIES  
2 IN WHAT IS GOING TO BE A VERY TIGHT BUDGET YEAR.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD WE HAVE THAT WRITTEN OUT?

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6 **KATHY OCHOA:** YES.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS I'D LIKE TO OFFER AN  
9 AMENDMENT TO THIS ITEM. I THINK THAT, AGAIN, THEY SHOULD HAVE  
10 MOVED UP THE PROCESS. THEY SHOULD HAVE LOOKED AT IT. AND I'M  
11 GOING TO ASK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE PROMOTE THE  
12 COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR THESE SERVICES. AND IT IS  
13 POSSIBLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT, THEY'RE SAYING THAT THEY NEED TO  
14 HAVE A WHOLE YEAR IN WHICH, OR YEAR AND A HALF BEFORE THEY CAN  
15 COLLECT ALL THE DATA IN ORDER TO DO AN R.F.P. I THINK THEY CAN  
16 COLLECT THE INFORMATION FAIRLY QUICKLY AND COMPLETE THE  
17 PROCESS MUCH QUICKER. SO I'M ASKING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
18 SERVICE REDUCE THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY FROM 12 MONTHS TO SIX  
19 MONTHS ONLY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 31ST, 2009. AND THEN IN THE  
20 MEANTIME BE DOING THE R.F.P. AT THE SAME TIME.

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22 **KATHY OCHOA:** OKAY. IS THERE A COMMITMENT FROM THE C.E.O. TO  
23 PRODUCE THE REQUESTED REPORTS?

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1    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'D LIKE TO REPORT BACK ON THAT BECAUSE IT IS  
2    MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE INITIAL AGREEMENT WAS A QUARTERLY  
3    REPORT. THIS IS A MONTHLY REPORT. THEN WE HAVE A COMMITMENT.

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5    **KATHY OCHOA:** OKAY.

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7    **SUP. MOLINA:** WITH IT AS AMENDED I'D LIKE TO MOVE THE ITEM.

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9    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY,  
10    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON 17 WITH THE AMENDMENT. MOVED  
11    BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY, ITEM 17 IS APPROVED AS  
12    AMENDED.

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14    **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THEN THE LAST ITEM I'D LIKE TO CALL IS ITEM  
15    NUMBER 22.

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17    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS FOR ITEM 22.  
18    DION LEVARA, JOSEPH CAMPBELL, CHERI CAMPBELL, AND ARNOLD  
19    SACHS. MR. SACHS, DO YOU WANT TO START FORWARD SO THAT BY THE  
20    TIME THEY FINISH, YOU CAN GET HERE? WOULD YOU HAVE A SEAT AND  
21    STATE YOUR NAME?

22

23    **DION LEVARA:** MY NAME IS DION LEVARA, AND I WAS HERE IN 2006 --  
24    OKAY, THANK YOU. I WAS HERE IN DECEMBER 2006, AND I HANDED MS.  
25    MOLINA SOME PAPERWORK CONCERNING MY CASE WITH MY CHILDREN ON





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1 D.C.S. AND THERE HAS NOT BEEN -- TO MY UNDERSTANDING, THERE  
2 HAS NOT BEEN ANY CHANGE IN THE SYSTEM ANYWHERE IN THE STATE OF  
3 CALIFORNIA OR, FOR THAT MATTER, IN THE UNITED STATES. AND THE  
4 CHILDREN ARE STILL GETTING KILLED AND RAPED AND MOLESTED AND  
5 SENT TO PEDOPHILES WHILE BIOLOGICAL PARENTS ARE BEING RIPPED  
6 APART AND DESTROYED. AND I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT EACH ONE OF YOU  
7 CONSIDER DOING ON THAT ISSUE. I MEAN, DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT WE  
8 FEEL AS LOSING A CHILD OR A GRANDCHILD TO THE SYSTEM? AND SELL  
9 OUR CHILDREN FOR MONEY? COULD YOU EVEN PUT YOURSELF IN THAT  
10 CATEGORY? I WOULD LIKE AN ANSWER, PLEASE.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** AS THE ANSWER THAT WE GAVE YOU, THE COURTS HANDLE  
13 THESE ISSUES. THE COURTS DO THE EVALUATION AND THE ANALYSIS  
14 AND THEY MAKE THE DETERMINATION. WHAT WE DO, AS A DEPARTMENT,  
15 IS WE RESEARCH ALL OF THESE CASES. WE EVALUATE ALL THOSE CASES  
16 AND WE PRESENT IT. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S THE COURT  
17 THAT MAKES THE DETERMINATION.

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19 **DION LEVARA:** OKAY. BUT, YOU KNOW, THE COURTS ARE JUST AS  
20 CORRUPT AS --

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW, MA'AM, YOU HAVE A LOT OF ALLEGATIONS. AND  
23 YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO ACCEPT ANY OF THE ANSWERS THAT WE TRY  
24 AND GIVE YOU. BUT YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, IN THESE AREAS, AND  
25 WE PUT THAT ON OUR AGENDA SO THAT YOU CLEARLY UNDERSTAND, WE



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1 DO NOT INTERVENE IN THE INDIVIDUAL CASES. WE HAVE A LOT OF  
2 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IN AREAS WHERE SOCIAL WORKERS HAVEN'T DONE  
3 THEIR END. WE HAVE VERY TOUGH DISCIPLINE PROCESS. BUT AT THE  
4 END OF THE DAY, IT IS DECISIONS THAT ARE MADE BY THE COURTS.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PLEASE STATE YOUR  
7 NAME.

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9 **CHERI CAMPBELL:** CHERI CAMPBELL.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD DOMINIE ROBINSON START COMING  
12 FORWARD?

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14 **DOMINIE ROBINSON:** I'M DOMINIE ROBINSON. HELLO, LADIES AND  
15 GENTLEMEN, I'M DOMINIE ROBINSON.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, SHE WAS GOING TO SPEAK FIRST.

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19 **DOMINIE ROBINSON:** OH I'M SORRY.

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21 **CHERI CAMPBELL:** I'M CHERI CAMPBELL. I WANTED TO KNOW IF THESE  
22 GRANTS ON ITEM NUMBER 22, THE GRANT REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE  
23 PUBLIC SAFETY AGENDA NUMBER 22, DO THEY MANDATE THE JUVENILE  
24 JUSTICE SYSTEM FOLLOW OUR CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS THAT PROTECT  
25 FAMILIAL INTEGRITY? IS THAT PART OF THE REQUIREMENTS?



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, OBVIOUSLY IT IS. AND I'D LIKE TO LET  
3 YOU KNOW THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT MONITORS ALL OF THESE  
4 ACTIVITIES VERY CAREFULLY. AND ANYTHING THAT'S IMPROPER MUST  
5 BE CORRECTED. AND IF THEY CONTINUE, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS  
6 A REAL PRESENCE.

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8 **CHERI CAMPBELL:** OKAY. WE HAVE PROOF THAT THEY ARE NOT  
9 FOLLOWING PROPER DUE PROCESS LAWS. THAT'S WHY WE ARE  
10 PETITIONING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO VISIT  
11 ALL COURT CASES TO VERIFY IF OUR CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED  
12 RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS WAS GIVEN. WE KNOW FOR SURE THAT IF YOU  
13 LOOK ON THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' STATISTICS, THEY  
14 ARE EXTREMELY MISLEADING, WHERE IT SAYS LIKE 47%  
15 REUNIFICATION, THEY LUMP ALL OF THE GROUPS INTO THAT STAT.  
16 THEY DON'T SEPARATE BIRTH PARENTS. THEY DON'T SEPARATE  
17 ADOPTIVE OR FOSTER PARENTS. THEY LUMP ALL THOSE IN. SO  
18 REUNIFICATION IS JUST A WORD THEY'RE USING TO MAKE IT LOOK  
19 APPROPRIATE. CURT MUNDORF WROTE "CHILDREN AS CHATTEL." IT'S A  
20 58-PAGE DOCUMENT DESCRIBING THE INSIDE VIEW OF SOCIAL  
21 SERVICES. AND HE STATED THAT DURING HIS YEARS OF SERVICE, HE  
22 FOUND THAT 90 PERCENT OF CHILDREN DID NOT NEED TO BE REMOVED.  
23 SO FOR THE 10 PERCENT THAT ARE ABUSED, 90 PERCENT ARE  
24 TRAUMATIZED WITH NO EVIDENCE OF ABUSE BECAUSE C.P.S. AND  
25 JUVENILE COURT DO NOT MAKE JUDICIAL DECISIONS BASED ON ABUSE



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1 BUT, RATHER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF KEEPING THE FEDERAL FUNDING  
2 FLOWING FOR FOSTER CARE. AND THAT COMES DIRECTLY FROM THE  
3 CALIFORNIA JUDICIAL BENCH GUIDE. IT'S A TIP FOR THE JUDGES.  
4 OUR CHILDREN ARE NOT CHATTEL. AND UNTIL C.P.S., JUVENILE  
5 COURT, AND THEIR RELATED SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE BROUGHT INTO  
6 COMPLIANCE FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY, ALL OF US ARE AT RISK. AND  
7 RIGHT NOW, SHIRLEY MOORE IS TAKING A PETITION TO THE UNITED  
8 STATES JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ASKING THAT ALL CASES BE RE-VISITED  
9 BASED UPON FRAUD IN CONJUNCTION WITH SEVERAL DIFFERENT GROUPS  
10 THAT ARE REPRESENTED HERE TODAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JOSEPH CAMPBELL?

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14 **CHERI CAMPBELL:** HE DECIDED NOT TO SPEAK.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DOMINIE ROBINSON AND THEN MR.  
17 SACHS.

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19 **DOMINIE ROBINSON:** I'M DOMINIE ROBINSON. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,  
20 I NOTICED ON YOUR WALL OUT THERE, YOU HAVE HISTORICAL  
21 DOCUMENTS. AND I WAS JUST GOING THROUGH MY CEDAR CHEST AND I  
22 FOUND IN MY HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS THAT MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER WAS  
23 APPOINTED ATTORNEY TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT IN 1857,  
24 I BELIEVE. AND I FOUND MYSELF WONDERING, BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN  
25 RESEARCHING C.P.S. FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS AFTER MY OWN



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1 HORRENDOUS EXPERIENCES. ACROSS THE NATION, CHILDREN ARE BEING  
2 DESTROYED BY UNLAWFUL AND ILLEGAL REMOVALS IN WHAT SOME ARE  
3 CALLING TODAY TO BE ACTIVE DOMESTIC TERRORISM. THE LOST AND  
4 STOLEN CHILDREN OF TODAY ARE DESTINED TO BECOME THE TROUBLED  
5 DAMAGED ADULTS OF TOMORROW WHO WILL END UP IN PRISONS,  
6 INSTITUTIONS, HOMELESS, TROUBLED AND OFTEN SUICIDAL. THEY WILL  
7 BE A DRAIN ON THE SOCIETY AND THEY WILL BE A DANGER TO A  
8 SEGMENT OF SOCIETY. THEY'RE ABANDONED AND BETRAYED BY JUDGES  
9 AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WHO REFUSE TO UPHOLD THEIR OATH OF OFFICE  
10 TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION AND CONSTITUTIONAL  
11 RIGHTS OF CHILDREN THAT THEY ARE SWORN TO DEFEND. THESE  
12 CHILDREN ARE ALSO BETRAYED BY SOCIAL WORKERS THAT WILLFULLY  
13 AND KNOWINGLY ENGAGE IN DEPARTMENT VIOLATIONS, MALICIOUS  
14 OBSTRUCTION BEHAVIOR, AND OFTEN OUTRIGHT VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL  
15 LAWS FOR THE PURPOSES OF GAINING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES. THIS  
16 BREEDS A HOTBED OF CONTEMPT AND DISTRUST FOR GOVERNING  
17 AUTHORITIES BY TODAY'S CITIZENRY SUCH AS I HAVE NEVER SEEN.  
18 ALTHOUGH THIS IS A PROBLEM IN GOVERNMENT, IT IS AT ITS CORE A  
19 HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. THERE IS A MOUNTAIN OF DOCUMENTED ABUSES  
20 GROWING BY THE DAY. ILLEGAL REMOVALS, DETENTIONS, AND  
21 ADOPTIONS, FABRICATED EVIDENCE. MALICE BY SOCIAL WORKERS, WITH  
22 THE FAMILIES HAVING INADEQUATE REPRESENTATION, NO VOICE, AND  
23 NO RECOURSE. MY RESEARCH OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS HAS REVEALED  
24 THAT QUITE OFTEN LOVING, ADORABLE CHILDREN ARE REMOVED FROM  
25 BEAUTIFUL HOMES AND ADOPTED OUT WHILE TRULY ABUSED CHILDREN



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1 ARE OFTEN LEFT IN HORRIBLE SITUATIONS. WE WANT C.P.S. TO  
2 REMOVE THE RIGHT CHILDREN FOR THE RIGHT REASONS. WE'RE NOT  
3 SAYING THERE SHOULDN'T BE A C.P.S. WE JUST WANT THEM TO DO  
4 THEIR JOB RIGHT. FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES LOOK UP "HOPE'S BOY"  
5 BY THE FORMER FOSTER CHILD WHO BECAME A HARVARD GRADUATE ON A  
6 FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR. HIS NAME IS ANDREW. HE'S A VERY, VERY  
7 ACTIVE VOICE ON THIS ISSUE. A WOMAN JUST RECENTLY WROTE A BOOK  
8 ON THE SUBJECT OF HER EXPERIENCE IN 14 FOSTER HOMES CALLED  
9 "ASHLEY ROADS." IT'S CALLED THREE LITTLE WORDS. THE BOOK "HARD  
10 CANDY" REVEALS A LOT OF ABUSES GOING ON IN TODAY'S  
11 INSTITUTIONS. THESE CHILDREN HAVE NO VOICE. AND THEY GROW UP  
12 FEELING ABANDONED AND THEY GROW UP FEELING LIKE THEY HAVE NO  
13 VOICE. SO THEY ACT OUT. THEY ACT OUT AND THEY ACT OUT AND THEY  
14 ACT OUT. THEY END UP IN ABUSIVE SITUATIONS. THEY END UP ON  
15 DRUGS QUITE OFTEN. AND AGAIN, THEY GO FROM FOSTER HOMES INTO  
16 PRISON SYSTEMS AND THEY ARE A BIGGER DRAIN. AND SOCIETY IS THE  
17 BIGGEST VICTIM OF ALL. THANK YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FOR  
18 LETTING ME SPEAK. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

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22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, AGAIN, COUNTY BOARD OF  
23 SUPERVISORS, ARNOLD SACHS. WELL, PART OF THIS JUVENILE JUSTICE  
24 DEVELOPMENT PLAN HOPEFULLY -- WILL PART OF THE PLAN HELP WITH  
25 INTERVENTION TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF FARE EVADERS CLOGGING





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1 DISTRICT 2 COURT CALENDARS UNTIL THE GATING SYSTEM THAT THE  
2 M.T.A. PROPOSES, LED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE'S ARDENT SUPPORT,  
3 WILL BE PUT INTO PLACE SO THAT THESE GATEWAY CRIMES OF FARE  
4 EVASION AND THE SUBSEQUENT FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT WILL  
5 STOP CLOGGING THE SYSTEM AND WILL TEACH THEM TO BE BETTER  
6 CITIZENS IN THE COUNTY OF L.A. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND  
7 YOUR PATIENCE.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** MISS BURKE, CAN I SAY SOMETHING? YOU KNOW, I  
10 ALWAYS HAVE BEEN TROUBLED BY THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN THAT WE  
11 HAVE IN OUR SYSTEM, THE NUMBER OF FOSTER CHILDREN, THE NUMBER  
12 OF CHILDREN IN OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT. AND WE ARE REALLY NOT  
13 THE BEST CARETAKERS OF ALL OF THOSE CHILDREN. BUT VERY  
14 FRANKLY, WE ARE LEFT WITH THOSE CHILDREN EVERY DAY BECAUSE OF  
15 IRRESPONSIBLE PARENTS, IRRESPONSIBLE PARENTS. WHEN I WATCH AND  
16 I SAT NEXT TO SOME OF THE JUDGES AND WATCHED SOME OF THESE  
17 CASES, I WAS CONCERNED. AND I'M NOT GOING TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO  
18 COME UP AND MAKE EMPTY ALLEGATIONS AND JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT.  
19 WHEN I SAT TO NEXT TO A JUDGE, I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HOW MANY  
20 BREAKS SOME OF THESE PARENTS GET. THEY GET TO GO TO PARENTING.  
21 THEY GET TO GO TO DRUG REHAB. THEY GET TO DO ALL KINDS OF  
22 VISITATION, SUPERVISED AND UNSUPERVISED. THEY GET EVERY SINGLE  
23 OPPORTUNITY TO TRY AND DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO UNIFY THE  
24 CHILDREN WITH THEIR PARENTS IN A SETTING AND AN ENVIRONMENT  
25 THAT IS POSITIVE. SO WHEN I HEAR THESE ALLEGATIONS, AND



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1 THERE'S NO DOUBT THERE ARE BAD FOSTER PARENTS OUT THERE. AND  
2 WE GO AFTER THEM, AS WELL. AND WE HAVE. AND WE'VE TAKEN LARGE  
3 MEASURES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR SOCIAL  
4 WORKERS ARE MONITORING. WE ARE UNDER A CONSENT DECREE, AS  
5 WELL, WHEN IT COMES TO MONITORING OUR CHILDREN ON A REGULAR  
6 BASIS. BUT I AM NOT GOING TO ALLOW THE KINDS OF ALLEGATIONS  
7 THAT WERE MADE HERE TODAY TO SIT AS WHAT WE ARE DOING. FOR THE  
8 MOST PART, WE ARE WORKING EXTREMELY HARD TO TAKE CARE OF THE  
9 THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN THAT EVERY SINGLE DAY ARE  
10 ABANDONED BY THEIR PARENTS. WHY? BECAUSE OF THEIR OWN SELFISH  
11 NEEDS FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL, THEIR OWN SELFISH NEEDS FOR OTHER  
12 PROBLEMS AND NOT LOOKING AT THEIR RESPONSIBILITY OF THEIR OWN  
13 CHILDREN. I AM AMAZED. FOSTER CARE IS NOT THE BEST THAT IT  
14 SHOULD BE BECAUSE THE BEST WOULD BE A LOVING HOME WITH THEIR  
15 OWN FAMILY. BUT WHEN I LOOK AT HOW MANY OPPORTUNITIES, THE  
16 KIND OF WORK THAT WE DO IN FAMILY PRESERVATION, THE MILLIONS  
17 OF DOLLARS THAT WE INVEST EVERY SINGLE DAY, THE BEST OUTCOME  
18 OF ALL IS OF COURSE TO LEAVE THEM IN A LOVING HOME AND IN A  
19 SETTING WITH THEIR PARENTS. BUT IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY, ONCE  
20 THEY ENTER OUR SYSTEM, TO DO A VERY HIGH LEVEL OF  
21 INVESTIGATION AND A KIND OF SCRUTINY. AND THEN IT IS TURNED  
22 OVER TO THE COURTS AND THE COURTS MAKE THEIR DETERMINATION.  
23 AND I WOULD AGREE WITH YOU THAT NOT EVERY DECISION THEY MAKE  
24 IS THE BEST ONE. I'VE BEEN CRITICAL OF THEIR DECISIONS, AS  
25 WELL. BUT I THINK IT ALL BEGINS AND STARTS WITH THAT EVERY



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1 SINGLE PARENT WHO HAS A CHILD HAS A RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIFE  
2 FOR THAT CHILD. AND THEY HAVE TO GIVE UP WHATEVER IT IS, THEIR  
3 OWN SELFISH NEEDS, TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THESE CHILDREN. AND AT  
4 THE END OF THE DAY, I WOULD HOPE THAT WE GET LESS AND LESS  
5 CHILDREN. BUT AS I LOOK AT THOSE NUMBERS, THEY ARE ESCALATING.  
6 ONE OF THE MOST FRIGHTENING NUMBERS FOR ME IS THE LATINO  
7 NUMBER OF FOSTER CHILDREN THAT WE ARE RECEIVING. WHEN I LOOK  
8 AT WHY, IT IS BECAUSE OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL. IT IS SHAMEFUL.  
9 BECAUSE THESE CHILDREN ARE NOT GOING TO DO AS WELL AS THEY  
10 WOULD DO IN A LOVING FAMILY WITH THEIR OWN PARENTS WORKING  
11 EVERY SINGLE DAY. AND WE DON'T ALL, AS PARENTS, KNOW EXACTLY  
12 WHAT TO DO, BUT SOME PARENTS GIVE UP TOO EASILY AND DON'T TAKE  
13 THE EFFORT AND THE TIME TO FIND THOSE WAYS TO MAKE IT WORK ON  
14 THE BEST INTEREST OF THEIR CHILDREN. SO UNFORTUNATELY, WE AT  
15 THE COUNTY, IT IS THE TOUGHEST TASK WE HAVE. WE DON'T DO THE  
16 BEST JOB IN THE WORLD, BUT WE ARE STRUGGLING EVERY SINGLE DAY  
17 TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE CHILDREN. AND BE OUR WARDS, WHETHER  
18 THEY BE IN SKID ROW, WHETHER THEY BE IN VERY WEALTHY HOMES,  
19 EVERY SINGLE PATIENT HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF  
20 THEIR CHILDREN. AND UNFORTUNATELY IF THEY DON'T, WE ARE HERE  
21 TO PICK UP THE SLACK. AND WE DO THE BEST WE CAN.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DID YOU  
24 HAVE AN AMENDMENT?

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES, I DID.

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3    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR ITEM 22?

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5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE JUVENILE JUSTICE DEVELOPMENT PLAN HAS  
6    FUNDED BACK THROUGH A BLOCK GRANT FROM THE STATE CORRECTION  
7    STANDARDS AUTHORITY. THIS PROPOSES INTENSIVE EVIDENCE-BASED  
8    PROGRAM TREATMENTS FOR THE PROBATION HIGH-RISK NEEDS YOUTH.

9    THIS PLAN IS COMPRISED OF SIX PROGRAM CATEGORIES.

10   COLLECTIVELY, THESE PROGRAMS INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROBATION,  
11   MENTAL HEALTH STAFF AS WELL AS PARTICIPATION BY VARIOUS  
12   COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS AT A TOTAL OF \$5.4 MILLION OVER THE  
13   NEXT SIX MONTHS. GIVEN THE TARGET POPULATION AS WELL AS THE  
14   SCOPE AND COSTS OF THE PROGRAM, OUTCOMES AND INDICATORS SHOULD  
15   BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED, TRACKED, AND REPORTED BACK TO THE BOARD  
16   PERIODICALLY. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE CHIEF  
17   PROBATION OFFICER TO REPORT BACK IN TWO WEEKS WITH THE LIST OF  
18   OUTCOMES AND INDICATORS FOR THE YOUTH SERVED UNDER THE PLAN  
19   FOLLOWED BY A STATUS REPORT OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS ON THE  
20   OUTCOMES BEGINNING WITH ONE YEAR FROM COMMENCEMENT OF THE  
21   PROGRAM.

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23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOU'RE MOVING THE AMENDMENT.

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25   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY MOLINA WITHOUT OBJECTION. ITEM  
3 22 IS APPROVED. WE HAVE HEARING ITEMS NOW. BUT FIRST, DID YOU  
4 HAVE ADJOURNMENTS?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I DON'T THINK I HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS TODAY.  
7 I DO NOT. SO THOSE ARE ALL MY ITEMS.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SHOULD WE GO TO THE HEARING ITEMS BEFORE I  
10 DO MY ADJOURNMENTS?

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY ON THE PUBLIC  
13 HEARING ITEMS TODAY BEFORE THE BOARD, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE  
14 YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE  
15 BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH,  
16 THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD?  
17 THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. WE'LL START WITH ITEM 1-H. AND  
18 I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE  
19 HEARING TO CONSIDER THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S AGENCY PLAN WHICH  
20 CONSISTS OF A FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 THROUGH  
21 2012 AND AN ANNUAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 AND 2009 WHICH  
22 UPDATES THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S PROGRAM GOALS, MAJOR POLICIES  
23 AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE CAPITAL FUND ANNUAL  
24 STATEMENT AND FIVE-YEAR ACTION PLAN, ADMISSIONS AND CONTINUED  
25 OCCUPANCY POLICY FOR THE CONVENTIONAL PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM,



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1 THE PUBLIC HOUSING LEASE AGREEMENT AND THE SECTION 8 TENANT-  
2 BASED PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL  
3 STATEMENT ON THIS AND NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED  
4 ON THIS MATTER.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE AN AMENDMENT I'M PASSING OUT ON 1-H.  
7 INSTRUCT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO REVISE THE FISCAL YEAR  
8 2008-2012 AGENCY PLAN TO REFLECT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S  
9 EXEMPT STATUS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TENANTS  
10 COMMISSIONER REQUIREMENT AND TO INCLUDE THE NEW REQUIREMENT OF  
11 SIX TENANT COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE ON THE HOUSING COMMISSION.  
12 INSTRUCT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO WORK WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO  
13 DRAFT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 275.020 AND 275.030 OF THE  
14 COUNTY CODE TO REFLECT THE NEW FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS OF SIX  
15 TENANT COMMISSIONERS. THREE, INSTRUCT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
16 TO WITHDRAW THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN TO  
17 CONSIDER APPLICANTS ON PAROLE OR PROBATION FOR ADMISSION TO  
18 THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM. FOUR, INSTRUCT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
19 TO MODIFY THE ADMISSION POLICY TO ALLOW THOSE WHO NEED  
20 EMERGENCY HOUSING SINCE ASSISTANCE IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
21 JURISDICTION BECAUSE OF DISPLACEMENT DUE TO GOVERNMENT ACTION  
22 OR FEDERALLY DECLARED DISASTER OR AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT  
23 REFERRAL TO BE GRANTED A THIRD-LEVEL PREFERENCE ON THE WAITING  
24 LIST. AND FIVE, INSTRUCT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO REVISE THE  
25 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN TO ALLOW THE ANNIVERSARY DATES FOR RE-





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1 EXAMINATION TO BE CHANGED UPON MANAGEMENT APPROVAL AND TO BE  
2 DEVELOP OPERATING PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY. WE HAVE  
3 A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.  
4 BERNADETTE INGRAM, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? PATRICIA  
5 HOOPER, PLEASE COME FORWARD?. ARNOLD SACHS, PLEASE COME  
6 FORWARD. MELVIN HIGHTOWER, PLEASE COME FORWARD. WILL ALL THE  
7 PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES I CALLED PLEASE COME FORWARD? LET ME CALL  
8 THEM AGAIN. BERNADETTE INGRAM. ARE YOU HERE? PATRICIA HOOPER?  
9 MELVIN HIGHTOWER? ALL RIGHT. MR. HIGHTOWER, WILL YOU STATE  
10 YOUR NAME?

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12 **MELVIN HIGHTOWER:** MY NAME IS MELVIN HIGHTOWER, AND I'M A  
13 RESIDENT OF THE SOUTH BELL GARDENS. I WANT TO SAY ONE THING. I  
14 THANK GOD THAT I WAS ABLE TO COME HERE. I WANT TO UNDERSTAND  
15 ME, AND I CAN'T TALK FAST. MY MIND CARRIES ME AWAY. BUT I'M  
16 HAPPY TO BE HERE. AND WHEN I CAME IN THE DOOR, WHAT MAKES ME  
17 THINK ABOUT THE LADY AT THE DOOR THOUGHT I WAS THE 105 YEAR  
18 OLD MAN.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, WE DIDN'T.

21

22 **MELVIN HIGHTOWER:** BUT I'M NOT 105 YEARS OLD, BUT I'M REAL  
23 CLOSE TO THAT. AND I'M REALLY THANKFUL TO BE HERE. I HOPE I  
24 DON'T -- I HAVE TO HIT ON THESE THINGS. I CAN'T TALK FAST. AND  
25 I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT WHAT I WANTED, FIRST ABOUT



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1 WHERE I LIVE, I HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE HOT WATER. I HAD TO  
2 TAKE COLD WATER SHOWERS FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS. BUT I'M NOT  
3 SQUALLING ABOUT IT NOW BECAUSE THEY GOT THE WATER HOT I THINK  
4 BY SUNDAY. SO I'M NOT TRYING TO PUT THAT ON THEM BUT I THINK  
5 THIS WAS POOR MANAGED FOR THAT TO HAPPEN. AND BY THAT COLD  
6 WATER TO WASH THE POTS AND PANS IN THE SINK, IT WAS NASTY  
7 GREASE GET UP IN THE TRAP AND THE HOT WATER WOULD PULL IT OUT.  
8 SO IT SORT OF STOPPED UP AND THEY HAD TO COME AND I GUESS PUT  
9 SOMETHING IN THERE AND THE STOPPED OUT, AND THEY WANTED TO  
10 CHARGE ME FOR THAT. AND I THINK THAT WAS WRONG. BUT I WANT TO  
11 HIT ON ONE MORE THING IF IT'S NECESSARY I WOULD LIKE TO HIT ON  
12 ABOUT THE M.T.A., THE BUSES AND THE TRAIN.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THIS IS NOT M.T.A.

15

16 **MELVIN HIGHTOWER:** WELL, THERE'S NO RESTROOMS. THEY USE THE  
17 ELEVATORS FOR RESTROOMS, AND I THINK THAT'S UNHEALTHY. IF YOU  
18 GET ON THE TRAIN, I WOULD LIKE SOME OF THE SUPERVISORS TO COME  
19 WITH ME ONE DAY AND RIDE WITH ME UP AND DOWN THERE AND GET ON  
20 SOMETIME AND GET ON THE ELEVATOR AND GOT TO GET OFF, IT'S  
21 STINKING. YOU CAN'T GET ON THE ELEVATOR. AND THEN ABOUT THE  
22 RESTROOMS. NOW, I HAVEN'T HAD TO USE THE RESTROOM ON THE  
23 ELEVATOR YET, BUT I DO HAVE BLADDER TROUBLE. BUT I THINK THERE  
24 SHOULD BE A RESTROOM SOMEWHERE. THEY HAVE RESTROOMS AT THE 105  
25 AND AVALON. AND THEY HAVE OUTSIDE RESTROOMS. AND THEY ARE



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1 LOCKED UP ALL THE TIME. SO WE HAD TO GO BEHIND IT TO USE IT SO  
2 IT STINKS. I DON'T THINK THAT'S HEALTHY. AND I THINK THAT I  
3 WOULD LIKE FOR THE BOSS TO LOOK INTO THAT AND SEE IF THEY  
4 CAN'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THIS MUCH  
5 ABOUT I'M HAPPY TO BE HERE AND AT MY AGE. AND I KNOW THAT I  
6 CAN'T SPEAK LIKE I WANT TO.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE DONE VERY WELL.

9

10 **MELVIN HIGHTOWER:** AND I CAN'T SAY THE THINGS THAT I INTEND TO  
11 SAY. BUT I'M THANKFUL TO BE HERE. I WISH TO GOD THAT I COULD  
12 BE HERE AT THIS TIME ANOTHER YEAR BUT I DON'T KNOW WHETHER  
13 I'LL BE HERE OR NOT. BUT I REALLY THANK YOU. I DO VERY MUCH  
14 BUT I LOOKED AT HER WHEN SHE WAS A YOUNG WOMAN WHEN SHE FIRST  
15 ME AND MY WIFE WAS LOOKING AT HER WHEN SHE MADE THAT GREAT  
16 SPEECH. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **MELVIN HIGHTOWER:** AND I WANT TO SAY THIS MUCH. I THANK I GUESS  
21 I WILL STOP.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. BUT THANK YOU VERY  
24 MUCH. MR. SACHS?

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISORS. VERY QUICKLY,  
2   IN YESTERDAY'S NEWSPAPER, I BELIEVE, THE L.A. TIMES, THERE WAS  
3   AN ARTICLE REGARDING PROP C HOUSING MONEY. PART OF THE  
4   DISCUSSION OR PART OF THE ARTICLE WENT ON TO TALK ABOUT HOW  
5   THERE'S A DISPUTE OR THERE'S A TUG OF WAR BETWEEN NORTHERN  
6   CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND THAT THE FUNDING THAT  
7   WILL BE ALLOCATED WILL BE -- ONE OF THE POSITIVES TO GETTING  
8   FUNDING ALLOCATED IS IF THE HOUSING IS TRANSIT-ORIENTED. AND  
9   IN THINKING ABOUT THAT, IN HAVING -- BEING A PASSENGER ON THE  
10  BLUE LINE, I WAS JUST WONDERING: THE GOLD LINE EXTENSION,  
11  PASADENA GOLD LINE OR THE PASADENA BLUE LINE WHICH BECAME THE  
12  PASADENA GOLD LINE, THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY HAS  
13  HOUSING DEVELOPED ALONG IT, THE GOLD LINE. THE RED LINE HAS  
14  HOUSING DEVELOPED ALONG IT. I BELIEVE THE EAST SIDE EXTENSION  
15  IS GETTING HOUSING DEVELOPED ALONG IT. THE BLUE LINE, WHICH  
16  HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR OVER 20 YEARS, EXCEPT FOR DOWNTOWN  
17  LONG BEACH, AND I BELIEVE THE WILLOW STATION, THERE IS NO  
18  HOUSING DEVELOPED ALONG IT. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THAT WOULD BE  
19  A PERFECT CANDIDATE THAT COULD BE SUBMITTED TO AND USED BY THE  
20  M.T.A. BOARD OR METRO OR L.A.C.M.T.A., TAKE YOUR PICK, TO BE  
21  LOOKED AT AS PROPERTY THAT COULD BE DEVELOPED THAT WOULD  
22  ACHIEVE SEVERAL THINGS. IT WOULD PROVIDE LOW, AFFORDABLE  
23  INCOME HOUSING IN AN AREA THAT DESPERATELY NEEDS LOW,  
24  AFFORDABLE INCOME HOUSING. THERE ARE TRANSIT CENTERS LOCATED  
25  ALONG THE BLUE LINE SUCH AS ROSA PARKS STATION. THERE'S THE



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1 ARTESIA TRANSIT CENTER. 103RD STREET HAS SHOPPING PLAZA RIGHT  
2 ACROSS THE STREET. SLAUSON AVENUE IS SERVED BY THE RED LINE --  
3 OR BY RAPID. FLORENCE AVENUE IS SERVED BY RAPID. YET THERE IS  
4 NO CONSTRUCTION FOR HOUSING. I WOULD STRONGLY URGE OR I WOULD  
5 ASK THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHO ALSO SIT ON THE  
6 M.T.A. BOARD, MIGHT CONSIDER THAT USING OR LOOKING INTO, SINCE  
7 THIS IS THE HOUSING DISCUSSION THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE ON  
8 YOUR AGENDA, THE BLUE LINE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THEN YOU'D  
9 BE ELIGIBLE TO GET SOME OF THE PROP 1-C HOUSING MONEY THAT THE  
10 STATE'S GOING TO OFFER OUT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR  
11 ANSWERS, AND YOUR ATTENTION.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I MOVE THE AMENDMENT, THE 1-H. AND MOVE THE  
14 ITEM. SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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18 **[ITEM 1-H IS RECONSIDERED WITH MORE**  
19 **TESTIMONY FOLLOWING ITEMS 1 AND 2 BELOW.]**

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY --

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 26, WAS THAT HELD? THAT WAS JUST HELD FOR  
2   DISCUSSION, RIGHT?

3

4   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 1, THIS IS THE HEARING ON  
5   THE BRUSH CLEARANCE REFEREE'S REPORT TO ABATE HAZARDOUS BRUSH,  
6   DRY GRASS, WEEDS, AND COMBUSTIBLE GROWTH OR FLAMMABLE  
7   VEGETATION TO INCLUDE NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL VEGETATION ON  
8   IMPROVED PARCELS IN THE COUNTY. THERE IS NO STAFF PRESENTATION  
9   AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER.

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11   **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MADAME CHAIR, THIS IS JUST TO HEAR IF  
12   THERE'S ANY TESTIMONY FROM THE PUBLIC.

13

14   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE IS NO INDICATION OF TESTIMONY.  
15   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ON ITEM 1 MOVES THAT THE HEARING BE  
16   CLOSED. SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. THE HEARING IS NOW CLOSED ON  
17   THE ITEM. MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH;  
18   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 2, THIS IS THE HEARING ON WEED  
21   ABATEMENT REFEREE'S REPORT TO ABATE NOXIOUS OR DANGEROUS  
22   WEEDS, BRUSH, RUBBISH, ETC., ON IMPROVED PARCELS IN THE  
23   COUNTY. THERE IS NO STAFF PRESENTATION AND NO CORRESPONDENCE  
24   WAS RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER. ALTHOUGH I BELIEVE THERE ARE A  
25   COUPLE SPEAKERS.





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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. PHONG WONG AND SARA VON  
3 HOFWEGEN. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

4

5 **PHONG WONG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS PHONG WONG AND I'M WITH  
6 THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES. AND I THINK THERE'S A  
7 BIT OF CONFUSION. I REQUESTED TO COMMENT ON ITEM 1-H.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WHY DON'T YOU MAKE YOUR STATEMENT  
10 NOW?

11

12 **PHONG WONG:** OKAY, SURE. I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS A FEW CONCERNS I  
13 HAVE WITH THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN FOR YEAR 2008-2009.  
14 MY FIRST CONCERN IS WITH THE REGISTRATION AND PURGING  
15 PRACTICES FOR THE SECTION 8 WAITING LIST. AND THIS IS SECTION  
16 3.8 OF THE ADMIN PLAN. IT STATES THAT "APPLICANTS MAY BE  
17 REMOVED FROM THE WAITING LIST IF THEY FAIL TO TIMELY RESPOND  
18 TO A MAILING OR IF A LETTER TO THE APPLICANT IS RETURNED BY  
19 THE POST OFFICE." AND THESE APPLICANTS ARE ALLOWED TO BE  
20 REINSTATED IF THEY PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THAT THEIR FAILURE TO  
21 RESPOND WAS DUE TO DISABILITY OR FAMILY, HEALTH, OR WORK  
22 EMERGENCY. MY CONCERN WITH THIS IS THAT IT DOESN'T ACCOMMODATE  
23 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOMELESS OR WHO LIVE IN TRANSITIONAL  
24 SHELTERS. HUD-SUBSIDIZED HOUSING PROGRAMS WERE CREATED TO HELP  
25 PEOPLE IN NEED, PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIMITED FUNDS FOR HOUSING. BUT



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1 THE PROGRAM IS SO DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO USE. FOR EXAMPLE, FOR  
2 A HOMELESS PERSON TO EVEN GET ON THE WAITING LIST, THEY HAVE  
3 TO PRODUCE AN ADDRESS SO THAT THE MAILINGS, THEY CAN RECEIVE  
4 THE YEARLY MAILINGS. AND, SECOND, IF THEY ARE TAKEN OFF THE  
5 LIST, THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO RESPOND TO REQUEST TO BE  
6 REINSTATED BECAUSE NO NOTICE IS GIVEN TO THEM. AND THE THIRD  
7 ISSUE IS IT'S DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF  
8 THEIR HOMELESS STATUS. I PROPOSE THAT AMENDMENT BE MADE TO  
9 THIS SECTION ALLOWING HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO DECLARE IN ADVANCE  
10 THAT THEY'RE HOMELESS, THAT THEY CAN REMAIN ON THE LIST AND  
11 THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR A MAILING TO RESPOND TO STAY  
12 ON THE WAITING LIST. AND, SECOND, THAT THEY BE GIVEN NOTICE  
13 THAT THEY'RE ALLOWED TO BE REINSTATED IF IN FACT THEY ARE  
14 TAKEN OFF THE WAITING LIST. AND, THIRD, TO EXTEND THE TIME  
15 LIMIT FOR WHEN THEY CAN REQUEST TO BE REINSTATED. AS AN  
16 ADVOCATE, I OFTEN SEE HOMELESS PEOPLE COME TO ME TWO YEARS  
17 AFTER THEY'VE BEEN TAKEN OFF THE WAITING LIST, AFTER WAITING  
18 FIVE OR MORE YEARS, ONLY TO FIND OUT THAT THEY CAN'T BE  
19 REINSTATED BECAUSE THE TIME FRAME HAS PASSED. ANOTHER ISSUE I  
20 HAVE, AND I'LL ADDRESS THIS QUICKLY, IS SECTION 16.4.10 OF THE  
21 HEARING PROCEDURES FOR TERMINATIONS FROM THE PROGRAM. THE  
22 HEARING OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A DETERMINATION ABOUT --  
23 MAKE A DETERMINATION BASED ON THE FACTS WHETHER A TENANT  
24 SHOULD BE TERMINATED FROM THE PROGRAM. NOW, MY CONCERN IS THAT  
25 THE ADMIN PLAN DOES NOT STATE WHAT THE STANDARD OF PROOF IS.



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1 THE STANDARD OF PROOF IS THE PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE. AND  
2 THE STANDARD FOR A HEARING OFFICER'S DECISION IS SUBSTANTIAL  
3 EVIDENCE. AND I REPEATEDLY SEE TENANTS BEING TERMINATED JUST  
4 BASED ON HEARSAY EVIDENCE. AND IT'S REALLY DISTURBING. AND I  
5 THINK THAT THIS LANGUAGE SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON THE ADMIN PLAN.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MOVES AND  
8 ANTONOVICH SECONDS THAT WE RECONSIDER ITEM 1-H. WITHOUT  
9 OBJECTION, 1-H IS RECONSIDERED.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD ASK THAT THE TESTIMONY  
12 THAT WAS JUST GIVEN BE INCORPORATED INTO THE RECORD FOR ITEM  
13 1-H.

14

15 **PHONG WONG:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SARA VON HOFWEGEN.

18

19 **PHONG WONG:** SHE LEFT.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SHE LEFT. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. I WILL RENEW MY  
22 AMENDMENT AND THE MOTION. AND THEN I WILL ADD TO IT AND ASK  
23 THAT THEY REPORT BACK ON THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED BY  
24 THE SPEAKER. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 2, WAS THERE ANYONE WHO REALLY  
4 WANTED TO SPEAK ON 2?

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT PUT DOWN THE? IS THERE ONE PERSON ON  
9 2? ONE MORE PERSON ON 1-H?

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SHE IS NOT -- THE SPEAKER SLIP THAT WE --

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO. 1-H, WE CALLED AND CALLED AND CALLED.  
14 DID YOU PUT A CARD IN, SIR? WHAT NUMBER DID YOU PUT ON IT? AND  
15 HIS NAME IS? YEAH, I CALLED YOU. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL MOVE TO  
16 RECONSIDER IT AGAIN BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND MAKE YOUR  
18 STATEMENT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT ARE WE RECONSIDERING, 1-H AGAIN?

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

23

24 **ANTONIO HICKS:** THANK YOU FOR REOPENING THAT.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL THE OTHER PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES I CALLED,  
2   WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD AT THIS TIME? YES.

3

4   **ANTONIO HICKS:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ANTONIO HICKS AND I'M AN  
5   ATTORNEY WITH NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES. WE PROVIDE FREE  
6   LEGAL SERVICES TO LOW INCOME RESIDENTS, INCLUDING THE AREAS OF  
7   THE SAN GABRIEL, SAN FERNANDO, AND ANTELOPE VALLEYS. AND I  
8   WANTED TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ALLOWING ME THE  
9   OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT MY COMMENTS AT THIS TIME. IN GENERAL,  
10   WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS TAKING STEPS  
11   TO ADDRESS ACCESS BY LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT INDIVIDUALS  
12   AND TAKING STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT.  
13   HOWEVER, THERE'S REALLY JUST ONE MAIN POINT THAT I WANTED TO  
14   DRIVE HOME TODAY, AND THAT IS THE UTILIZATION RATE. NOW, BY  
15   OUR CALCULATIONS, WELL, ACCORDING TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN FOR  
16   2008-2009, 18,264 VOUCHERS WERE IN USE, WHICH BY OUR  
17   CALCULATION IS 89%. IN REAL TERMS, THIS MEANS THAT CLOSE TO  
18   2,000 FAMILIES DID NOT RECEIVE THE ASSISTANCE THAT WAS  
19   ESSENTIALLY AVAILABLE. AND THIS IS ALSO A CONCERN FOR FUTURE  
20   FUNDING PURPOSES, BECAUSE THE FUNDING FORMULA, TO OUR  
21   UNDERSTANDING, IS LARGELY BASED ON THE NUMBER OF VOUCHERS IN  
22   USE. AND SO IN OUR ESTIMATION, THIS LOW UTILIZATION RATE  
23   SUGGESTS THAT EITHER THE HOUSING AUTHORITY ISSUES TOO FEW  
24   VOUCHERS, IS TERMINATING TOO MANY FAMILIES FROM THE PROGRAM  
25   AND/OR HAS NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED THE UTILIZATION RATE



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1 PROBLEM. AND THE BOARD, AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC, NEEDS TO SEE A  
2 DETAILED PLAN OF ACTION FOR HOW THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS GOING  
3 TO ADDRESS THIS TO TRY TO ACHIEVE 100 PERCENT UTILIZATION  
4 RATE. AND TO THAT END, SHOULD BE MONITORED CLOSELY TO ENSURE  
5 THAT THEY'RE MEETING THOSE GOALS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WILL NOW MOVE AGAIN  
8 ITEM 1-H, WITH AMENDMENTS. AND ALSO ADD THAT WE ASK THAT THE  
9 DEPARTMENT REPORT BACK ON THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE TWO  
10 SPEAKERS. SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
11 ORDERED. ITEM 2?

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 2, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE ANY  
14 SPEAKERS. SO IF YOU'D LIKE TO CLOSE THE HEARING.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL MOVE THAT THE HEARING ON ITEM 2 BE  
17 CLOSED. SECONDED BY KNABE. MOVE THAT THE ITEM 2 BE ADOPTED.  
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION. HEARING CLOSED AND ITEM 2 IS APPROVED.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 3, THIS IS THE HEARING ON  
21 ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL RECORDING FEE OF \$1 FOR THE  
22 RECORDATION OF THE FIRST PAGE OF THE RECORDED DOCUMENTS TO  
23 COVER THE COST OF IMPLEMENTING THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER  
24 TRUNCATION PROGRAM. THERE IS NO STAFF PRESENTATION ON THIS AND  
25 NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE WHO WISHES TO BE HEARD ON  
3 THIS? I'LL MOVE THAT THE HEARING BE CLOSED. SECONDED BY KNABE.  
4 WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE HEARING IS CLOSED. MOVE APPROVAL;  
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SECONDED BY KNABE.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM NUMBER 4, THIS IS THE  
8 HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE TITLED 21  
9 SUBDIVISIONS, TITLE 26 BUILDING CODE TO INCREASE FEES CHARGED  
10 FOR THE REVIEW OF GEOTECHNICAL REPORTS, GEOTECHNICAL SITE  
11 INSPECTIONS AND THE GEOTECHNICAL REVIEW OF BUILDING AND  
12 GRADING PLANS FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT. THERE IS NO STAFF  
13 PRESENTATION AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS  
14 MATTER.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE WHO REQUESTS TO BE HEARD ON  
17 THIS ITEM? HEARING NONE, MOVED BY ANTONOVICH; SECONDED BY  
18 YAROSLAVSKY THAT THE HEARING BE CLOSED. AND MOVED BY  
19 ANTONOVICH AND SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY THAT THE ITEM BE  
20 APPROVED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE HEARING IS CLOSED AND ITEM IS  
21 APPROVED.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 5, THIS IS THE DE NOVO  
24 HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER R2004-00610-(2), VARIANCE NUMBER  
25 200600005 AND DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR A





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1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 1304 WEST 90TH PLACE,  
2 WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WEST ATHENS-WESTMONT,  
3 WEST ATHENS-WESTMONT ZONED DISTRICT APPLIED FOR AJIM BAKSH ON  
4 BEHALF OF RAFAEL DELEON AND JOSE REYES. THERE IS A STAFF  
5 PRESENTATION ON THIS MATTER AND ONE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS  
6 RECEIVED.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD WE HEAR THE STAFF PRESENTATION?

9

10 **MARK CHILDS:** WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. TO MY  
11 LEFT IS ADRIENNE NG, WHO IS THE CASE PLANNER ON THIS ITEM.  
12 ITEM NUMBER 5, THIS IS AN APPEAL BY THE APPLICANT OF THE  
13 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF A VARIANCE REQUEST,  
14 PROJECT NUMBER IS R2004-00610-(2). THE APPLICANT IS AJIM  
15 BAKSH. THE PROJECT ADDRESS IS 1304 WEST 90TH PLACE IN THE WEST  
16 ATHENS-WESTMONT ZONED DISTRICT. THE CASE WAS HEARD BY THE  
17 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ON MARCH 22ND OF 2007. THE  
18 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION DENIED THE VARIANCE REQUEST,  
19 WHICH WAS TO RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZE ADDITION TO AN EXISTING  
20 DWELLING TO CREATE A DUPLEX. THE ADDITION DOES NOT MEET THE  
21 CURRENT DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR DWELLING UNITS IN THE R-2,  
22 TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE ZONE. A VARIANCE WAS REQUESTED FOR  
23 REDUCTION OF THE SIDE YARD AND DRIVEWAY SETBACKS AND TO REDUCE  
24 BY ONE THE NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES PROVIDED. THE PLANNING  
25 COMMISSION FOUND THAT THE PROPERTY DOES NOT MEET THE BURDEN OF



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1 PROOF FOR A VARIANCE BECAUSE THERE ARE NO UNIQUE PHYSICAL  
2 CONSTRAINTS OR SPECIAL CONDITIONS THAT LIMIT THE REASONABLE  
3 DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. IN ADDITION, PROPERTIES  
4 WITHIN 500 FEET ARE SIMILAR IN SIZE AND SHAPE. AND SEVERAL  
5 DUPLEXES HAVE BEEN APPROVED IN THE AREA CONSISTENT WITH  
6 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS. FOR THESE REASONS, THE PLANNING  
7 COMMISSION DENIED THE REQUEST. THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT TO THE  
8 BOARD AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED  
11 TO SPEAK. I'D LIKE TO ASK AJIM BAKSH AND JOSE REYES TO COME  
12 FORWARD IN FAVOR. AND DAVID VIVANCO. AND I THINK THAT'S IN  
13 FAVOR OF THE APPEAL. PLEASE COME FORWARD. PLEASE STATE YOUR  
14 NAME, SIR.

15

16 **AJIM BAKSH:** HI, MY NAME IS AJIM BAKSH. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF  
17 FILING FOR THE APPEAL FOR THIS, THE PARKING SITUATION ON THE  
18 PROPERTY. IF YOU LOOK AT A COUPLE ITEMS THAT SAY THAT THE  
19 PROPERTY FOR A REDUCE DRIVEWAY. AND THE DRIVEWAY IS 13 FEET ON  
20 THE PROPERTY. SO THAT WAS ONE ITEM THAT WAS WRONG. AND I GAVE  
21 YOU A PACKAGE THAT SHOWS PICTURES OF EVERY PROPERTY ON THE  
22 BLOCK. THERE ARE 55 PROPERTIES ON THE BLOCK BETWEEN BUDLONG  
23 AND NORMANDIE. 15 OF THE 55 PROPERTIES MEET PARKING  
24 REQUIREMENTS. THERE ARE 11 GARAGE CONVERSIONS. AND ALSO THE  
25 SAME PROBLEM EXISTS ON 90TH STREET TO THE SOUTH AND 89TH



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1 STREET TO THE NORTH. THEY ALL HAVE THE SAME PROBLEMS. OUR  
2 PROPERTY IS COMPARABLE WITH THE ONES THAT HAVE PARKING. THIS  
3 IS WHY I THINK THAT WE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO REDUCE THE PARKING  
4 BY ONE. AND IF POSSIBLE, IF THEY WOULD ALLOW THE ONE OTHER  
5 PARKING IN THE FRONT, THEN WE WILL MEET ALL FOUR PARKING  
6 SPACES. BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THE PACKAGE, IT WOULD EXPLAIN  
7 EVERYTHING ON EVERY PROPERTY UP AND DOWN THE ENTIRE BLOCK.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THAT CONCLUDING? PLEASE STATE  
10 YOUR NAME, SIR.

11

12 **DAVID VIVANCO:** HI, MY NAME IS DAVID VIVANCO, PRESIDENT OF  
13 DIAMOND PROPERTIES. I WAS THE EX-OWNER OF THE PROPERTY IN  
14 QUESTION. OUR COMPANY HIRED MR. BAKSH FROM BAKSH CONSTRUCTION  
15 TO BUILD THIS PROPERTY. AND AT THE TIME THAT WE PURCHASED THE  
16 PROPERTY, IT WAS A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE OF TWO BEDROOMS,  
17 ONE BATH. AND THIS PROPERTY WAS LIKE IN A SUBSTANDARD  
18 CONDITION, VERY, VERY BAD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, A SORE EYE IN  
19 THE NEIGHBORHOOD, PRACTICALLY WITH DRUGS BEING DEALT OUT OF  
20 THAT HOUSE AND NOTHING BUT BAD WAS COMING OUT OF THAT  
21 PROPERTY. WHEN WE TOOK OWNERSHIP, WE HIRED MR. BAKSH TO BUILD  
22 A DUPLEX, REMODEL THE ENTIRE PROPERTY. AND WE EVENTUALLY SOLD  
23 THE PROPERTY, WHICH IS WHAT OUR COMPANY DOES. WE BUY, REHAB OR  
24 REBUILD PROPERTIES IN THE INNER CITY, AND THEN WE RESELL THEM  
25 TO LOW AND MODERATE INCOME PEOPLE.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU CHECK ON WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS  
3 FOR THE PROPERTIES WHEN YOU REBUILD THEM?

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5 **DAVID VIVANCO:** YES, WE DO.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID YOU CHECK ON THESE?

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9 **DAVID VIVANCO:** YES, WE DID.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WHAT DID YOU FIND?

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13 **DAVID VIVANCO:** I FOUND THAT WE COULD BUILD A DUPLEX THERE.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT ABOUT THE PARKING?

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17 **DAVID VIVANCO:** ALSO MR. BAKSH--

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO. WHAT DID YOU FIND? DID YOU CHECK ON IT?  
20 YOU FOUND?

21

22 **DAVID VIVANCO:** YES, WE FOUND THAT IT REQUIRED FOUR PARKING  
23 SPACES.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR A DUPLEX?



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2 **DAVID VIVANCO:** YES.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT?

5

6 **DAVID VIVANCO:** WE LEAVE IT UP TO THE CONTRACTOR, WHO IS HIRED  
7 BY OUR COMPANY TO BUILD THE PROPERTY TO CODE AND THE  
8 STANDARDS. AND THEN AT THE END OF THE PROJECT TURN IN FINAL  
9 PERMITS AND A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY TO OUR OFFICE, WHICH  
10 THAT WAS BROUGHT TO US WHEN THE PROJECT WAS FINISHED. THE  
11 CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY SIGNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING  
12 AND SAFETY.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THEY HAD APPROVED THE PARKING?

15

16 **DAVID VIVANCO:** YES. ACCORDING TO THAT CERTIFICATE OF  
17 OCCUPANCY, YES.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID THE DEPARTMENT ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF  
20 OCCUPANCY?

21

22 **MARK CHILDS:** A LOT OF THE INFORMATION THAT CAME FROM  
23 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, WAS PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
24 PUBLIC WORKS WAS ERRONEOUS AND THEY REVOKED THE PERMIT AFTER  
25 THEY DISCOVERED THERE WERE PROBLEMS WITH WHAT HAD BEEN



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1 APPROVED BECAUSE OF INFORMATION BEING FALSELY USED ON THE SITE  
2 PLAN.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE SITE PLAN WAS NOT CORRECT?

5

6 **MARK CHILDS:** THAT'S CORRECT. AND WHEN THAT SITUATION WAS  
7 KNOWN, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REVOKED THE PERMIT.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID YOU GET NOTICE OF THE REVOCATION AND  
10 THE REASON?

11

12 **DAVID VIVANCO:** YES, WE DID.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID THEY TELL YOU IT WAS BECAUSE OF  
15 INCORRECT INFORMATION?

16

17 **DAVID VIVANCO:** YES, WE DID. AT THE TIME THAT WE GOT THAT  
18 NOTICE, WE IMMEDIATELY WENT TO REGIONAL PLANNING TO START THE  
19 PROCESS TO RECTIFY THAT ERROR OR MISTAKE. THAT TOOK PLACE  
20 ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO. IT'S BEEN FOUR YEARS IN THE PLANNING  
21 THAT WE HAVE GOTTEN TO THIS POINT. NOW, ON OUR MEETING THAT WE  
22 HAD ON MARCH 22ND WHERE WE HAD -- THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE  
23 FOUR BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT FOR THE HEARING, ONLY THREE BOARD  
24 MEMBERS SHOWED UP THAT DAY. ONE CONCURRED, ONE DISSENTED, ONE  
25 ABSTAINED, WHICH DECLINED TO VOTE, AND ONE WAS ABSENT. SO ON



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1 THAT DAY, I FEEL THAT WE DID NOT GET A PROPER HEARING OF OUR  
2 CASE. HAD EVERYBODY BEEN PRESENT AND HAD EVERYBODY VOTED, WE  
3 WOULD HAVE PROBABLY NOT BEEN HERE TODAY. SO BASICALLY WHAT I'M  
4 ASKING YOU IS IF TODAY A VOTE CAN BE MADE SO THAT WE CAN BRING  
5 THIS PROPERTY INTO COMPLIANCE, WE WILL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO  
6 PROVIDE REGIONAL PLANNING --

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE TWO PARKING SPACES, RIGHT?

9

10 **DAVID VIVANCO:** WE HAVE TWO PARKING AND ONE UNCOVERED, WHICH IS  
11 A TOTAL OF THREE RIGHT NOW.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT YOU NEED FOUR.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU NEED FOUR.

16

17 **DAVID VIVANCO:** YES. THAT'S WHY WE'RE ASKING FOR THE VARIANCE.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE DEVELOPERS, RIGHT?

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY ARE YOU ASKING FOR A VARIANCE WHEN YOU JUST  
22 NEED TO PROVIDE ONE MORE?

23

24 **DAVID VIVANCO:** THAT WOULD BE A QUESTION THAT REGIONAL--

25





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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE LOT IS NOT BIG ENOUGH FOR AN ADDITIONAL  
2   ONE.

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4   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, BUT THERE'S BEEN SOME FUNNY BUSINESS IN THIS  
5   AREA.

6

7   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, THIS IS ONE OF THOSE. I BELIEVE THAT  
8   THERE WERE -- IT'S CALLED A FIRESTONE 40, YES. HOW MANY --  
9   THERE WAS A WHOLE SERIES OF BUILDINGS THAT HAVE BEEN BUILT.

10

11   **DAVID VIVANCO:** AND WE HAVE BROUGHT THEM ALL INTO COMPLIANCE.

12

13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I THINK THERE WAS SOMETHING LIKE --  
14   CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG -- THAT \$145,000 IN PENALTIES BECAUSE  
15   OF SOME OF THE VIOLATIONS.

16

17   **DAVID VIVANCO:** EXACTLY. AND WE HAVE PAID THAT IN FULL.

18

19   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DAVID VIVANCO?

20

21   **DAVID VIVANCO:** THAT'S ME.

22

23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND THEN JOSE REYES IS THE NEXT  
24   PERSON TO SPEAK. YOU'RE HERE. DID YOU PUT A CARD IN? SIR?  
25   STATE YOUR NAME.



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**JOSE REYES:** I'M JOSE REYES. I'M THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY IN  
THE 1304 WEST 90TH PLACE. YOU KNOW, I'M HERE BECAUSE I WANT TO  
BE CLEAR OF THESE THINGS. WE HAVE TOO MUCH IS STRESS TO ME AND  
MY FAMILY. BUT THIS PROPERTY AND YOU KNOW, I VISIT A LOT OF  
TIMES TO THE CITY AND ALL THAT KIND OF STUFF. I HAVE A LOT OF  
DIFFERENT KIND OF ANSWER. BUT THE CITY WHO IS THE -- WHEN I  
BUY THE PROPERTY, THOSE PEOPLE ASSURED ME THE CERTIFICATE OF  
OCCUPANCY WAS CLEAR. BUT LATER ON THEY SAY IT IS NOT GOOD.  
WHEN I TRIED TO REFINANCE THE HOUSE, THEY SAY WE CANNOT DO  
NOTHING ABOUT IT, THOSE.

12

**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAVE YOU SUED THE PEOPLE WHO GAVE YOU THE  
WRONG INFORMATION?

15

**JOSE REYES:** YEAH, YOU KNOW, I TALKED WITH THE GUY, THAT WAS  
THE -- FORGET HIS NAME. OSCAR MENDOZA. HE IS THE GUY WHEN I  
MADE THE DEAL, WHEN I BUY THE PROPERTY. AND I ASK HIM SO MANY  
TIMES ABOUT TRY TO CLEAR THIS ONE. I'M THINKING ABOUT WHAT'S  
THE PARKING LOT THAT'S OKAY, BUT YOU KNOW I WANT TO HAVE SOME  
DECIDE TODAY, YOU GUYS GIVE ME GOOD ANSWER ABOUT THESE THINGS.

22

**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE YOU USING THE PROPERTY NOW?

24



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1   **JOSE REYES:** YES. WE ARE LIVING THERE RIGHT NOW. THAT'S THE  
2   ONLY PROPERTY I HAVE TO LIVE IN.

3

4   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE LIVING IN IT?

5

6   **JOSE REYES:** YES.

7

8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO RENT IT OUT AS A  
9   DUPLEX, WAS THAT IT?

10

11   **JOSE REYES:** YEAH. I PAY FOR THE DUPLEX.

12

13   **DAVID VIVANCO:** IT IS RENTED OUT.

14

15   **JOSE REYES:** YEAH, I LIVE THERE.

16

17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE NEXT  
18   PERSON IS HENRY PORTER JR.

19

20   **HENRY PORTER, JR.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND HONORABLE  
21   BOARD, I WAS IN OPPOSITION OF THIS. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF OUR  
22   COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, HENRY PORTER, JR. IS MY NAME. AND I'LL  
23   JUST READ TO YOU THE SAME LETTER OF OPPOSITION WE DID BEFORE  
24   THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION BACK IN FEBRUARY OF '07. THIS  
25   IS TO OPPOSE APPROVAL OF THE SUBJECT REQUEST. THE OPPOSITION



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1 IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING: NUMBER 1, PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR  
2 THIS ADDITION/DUPLEX ON JULY 9TH, 2002. THOSE PERMITS WERE  
3 REVOKED ON MARCH 11TH, 2003 DUE TO ERRONEOUS INFORMATION THAT  
4 WAS SUBMITTED ON THE APPLICATION. THEREFORE THE CURRENT CODE  
5 VIOLATIONS ON THE PROPERTY APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN DONE THROUGH  
6 DECEPTION AND DOES NOT WARRANT ANY RELIEF. NUMBER 2, DENSITY.  
7 THE ATHENS-WESTMONT COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT PLAN WAS  
8 DEVELOPED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADDRESS  
9 NUMEROUS ISSUES THAT IMPACT OUR LIVES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.  
10 DENSITY WAS ONE OF THE KEY IDENTIFIERS THAT DIMINISH OUR  
11 QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH OVERCROWDING THAT CONTRIBUTES TO  
12 CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, OVERLOADING OF THE AGED INFRASTRUCTURE  
13 AND SO FORTH. DENSITY CONCERNS WERE ADDRESSED THROUGH DOWN  
14 ZONING. TO PERMIT THIS LOT TO BE OVERDEVELOPED WITH REDUCED  
15 SETBACKS, REDUCED PARKING, DEFEAT OUR EFFORTS TO CONTROL  
16 DENSITY AND OUR ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN AN ACCEPTABLE QUALITY OF  
17 LIFE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. NUMBER 3, OFF SITE PARKING IS  
18 CURRENTLY IMPACTED ON A DAILY BASIS IN FRONT OF AS WELL AS  
19 SURROUNDING THIS LOCATION. THIS IS AN OLDER SECTION OF THE  
20 COMMUNITY WITH MANY LEGAL NONCONFORMING PROPERTIES THAT  
21 PROVIDE LESS PARKING THAN THAT REQUIRED UNDER CURRENT CODE.  
22 REDUCED PARKING ON THIS SITE WOULD ONLY ADD TO AN ALREADY BAD  
23 SITUATION. NUMBER 4, THERE APPEAR TO BE A PATTERN OF REQUESTS  
24 FOR VARIANCES, CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, OR OTHER  
25 ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEFS BY THIS APPLICANT AFTER PROJECTS ARE



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1 COMPLETED. THEREFORE, THIS IS A TOTAL DISREGARD FOR THE RULE  
2 OF LAW AND AN ABUSE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS. NUMBER 5,  
3 APPROVAL OF THIS REQUEST MAY SEND THE MESSAGE AND SET A  
4 PRECEDENT FOR THIS AND OTHER APPLICANTS THAT IT IS PERMISSIBLE  
5 TO OVERDEVELOP PROPERTIES, THEN SEEK ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF IF  
6 OR WHEN THE VIOLATIONS ARE DETECTED. THEREFORE WE REQUEST A  
7 DENIAL. WHILE WE DO NOT DENY THERE IS A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL  
8 HOUSING IN THE AREA, THIS IS NOT THE METHODOLOGY TO USE TO GO  
9 ABOUT GETTING IT. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE TWO APPLICATIONS ON  
10 FILE NOW FOR PEOPLE THAT DO THE VERY SAME THING IN ADDITION TO  
11 THE ONES THAT HAVE COME AND DONE IT LEGALLY. I DON'T THINK  
12 THAT THIS WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO REWARD THIS APPLICANT WHEN  
13 OTHERS ARE DOING IT BY THE LAW, BY THE RULES. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. PORTER. I'D LIKE  
16 TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT HOW MANY PROPERTIES WERE DONE ILLEGALLY  
17 AND THEN SOLD TO INNOCENT PEOPLE?

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19 **MARK CHILDS:** THERE WAS APPROXIMATELY 40 CASES.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 40?

22

23 **MARK CHILDS:** 40.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, HAVE THESE GONE THROUGH CONSUMER  
2   AFFAIRS FOR THIS MAN TO MAKE SOME KIND OF RESTITUTION TO THESE  
3   PEOPLE?

4

5   **MARK CHILDS:** I'M NOT SURE OF THE ANSWER TO THAT. BUT MANY OF  
6   THE CASES HAVE COME THROUGH. AND, WHEN POSSIBLE, THEY HAVE  
7   BEEN APPROVED WITH ALTERATIONS THAT BRING THEM UP TO CODE.  
8   THIS IS ONE OF THE EXAMPLES WHERE THE PROJECT CAN'T BE BROUGHT  
9   UP TO CODE, THEREFORE IT WAS DENIED. BUT THERE HAVE BEEN  
10   EXAMPLES OF THE SAME SITUATION WHERE THE ADJUSTMENTS COULD BE  
11   MADE AND THE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED AS A VARIANCE.

12

13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL I'M GOING TO DENY THIS. BUT  
14   I REALLY THINK THAT REFER THE PEOPLE WHO ARE THE INNOCENT  
15   PARTIES TO CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND ASK CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO MAKE  
16   EVERY EFFORT TO TRY TO WORK OUT SOMETHING SO THAT THEY END UP  
17   NOT BEING THE ONES WHO ARE HURT AS A RESULT OF THE  
18   MISREPRESENTATIONS THAT WERE MADE. SO WOULD YOU MAKE SURE THIS  
19   GOES TO CONSUMER AFFAIRS? THAT THESE PARTIES ARE ALLOWED TO  
20   SET UP AT THIS POINT SOME KIND OF A COMPLAINT AND TO BRING IN  
21   THIS MAN WHO HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THEM? ALL RIGHT. I MOVE  
22   THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DENY PROJECT NUMBER R2004-00610  
23   IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, WHICH INCLUDES VARIANCE NO. 200600005-  
24   2.

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1    **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND THAT.

2

3    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WITH THE RECOMMENDATION, I'D LIKE TO  
4    HAVE A REPORT BACK ON HOW THIS WORKS OUT. BECAUSE THIS MAN  
5    SHOULD MAKE UP TO THEM, THESE PEOPLE, INNOCENT PEOPLE SHOULD  
6    NOT BE HELD TO HAVE TO LOSE THIS KIND OF MONEY. I'M SURE THEY  
7    WORK HARD FOR THEIR MONEY.

8

9    **SUP. KNABE:** PART OF THAT REPORT BACK THEN SHOULD INCLUDE THOSE  
10    THAT ARE IN THE PIPELINE THAT HAVE PROBLEMS.

11

12    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, I'D LIKE TO KNOW. YES WE SHOULD GET A  
13    WHOLE REPORT IN TERMS OF HOW MANY ARE INVOLVED.

14

15    **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S JUST NOT RIGHT.

16

17    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK SOME ARE IN YOUR DISTRICT, AREN'T  
18    THEY, SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

19

20    **SUP. MOLINA:** SOME ARE IN MINE.

21

22    **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S JUST NOT RIGHT.

23

24    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

25





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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 7, THIS IS THE DE NOVO HEARING  
2 ON PROJECT NUMBER R2006-02866-(4), CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT.  
3 CASE NUMBER 2006000245-(4) AND DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL  
4 EXEMPTION FOR CONTINUED OPERATION OF A CAR WASH IN CONJUNCTION  
5 WITH A MINI-MART AND SERVICE STATION LOCATED AT 1100 NOGALES  
6 STREET, IN THE COMMUNITY OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS, PUENTE ZONED  
7 DISTRICT, APPLIED FOR BY DAVID TVERSKOY ON BEHALF OF NOGALES  
8 AUTO SPA. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION AND NO  
9 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, DO YOU HAVE A MOTION ON  
12 THIS?

13

14 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** I'M SORRY, MADAME CHAIR, THERE IS A  
15 BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A STAFF PRESENTATION? NO? ALL  
18 RIGHT. ONE PERSON HAS ASKED TO SPEAK ON IT. CRAIG YAMASAKI.  
19 SUPERVISOR KNABE, THIS IS YOUR DISTRICT, RIGHT? WOULD YOU LIKE  
20 TO PUT YOUR MOTION FORWARD?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** MY MOTION IS JUST TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF  
23 THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

24



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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY -- MOVED  
2    BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.

3

4    **CRAIG YAMASAKI:** MADAME CHAIR? MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
5    SUPERVISORS?

6

7    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS?

8

9    **CRAIG YAMASAKI:** MY NAME IS CRAIG YAMASAKI. I'M HERE TO ANSWER  
10   ANY QUESTIONS. AND I WAS HERE TO REBUT THE PROTESTS AS NEEDED.

11

12   **SUP. KNABE:** YOU SUPPORTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S  
13   RECOMMENDATION.

14

15   **CRAIG YAMASKAI:** RIGHT.

16

17   **SUP. KNABE:** SO I MOVE IT. I MOVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S  
18   RECOMMENDATION.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY  
21   YAROSLAVSKY THAT THE HEARING BE CLOSED AND THE RECOMMENDATION  
22   BE APPROVED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24   **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN.

25



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. WE HAD NUMBER 26. WHICH WAS HELD FOR  
4 DISCUSSION AND THEN WE HAVE 11 O'CLOCK, SPECIAL ITEM. AND ON  
5 ITEM 26, IT'S A REPORT BY THE C.E.O. ON S.B.-1618. WHILE HE'S  
6 COMING UP, I'LL DO MY ADJOURNMENTS. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
7 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MINYONNE C. MEIGS, WHO  
8 WAS THE MOTHER OF INGLEWOOD SUPERIOR COURT SITE JUDGE  
9 HONORABLE JOHN MEIGS. SHE PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 18TH FOLLOWING  
10 A PROLONGED ILLNESS. SHE WAS 87 YEARS OF AGE. SHE LEAVES TO  
11 CHERISH HER MEMORY THE HONORABLE AND MRS. JOHN B. MEIGS, ALONG  
12 WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND DESMONIA REESE, KNOWN  
13 REALLY TO HER FRIENDS AS "DESI." THE WIFE OF MY FORMER LAW  
14 PARTNER AND DEAR FRIEND, JUDGE JAMES REESE, WHO RECENTLY  
15 PASSED AWAY. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY JUDGE JAMES  
16 REESE, ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND JEWEL  
17 MARIE BOUTTE, LONG RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT WHO PASSED  
18 AWAY ON MARCH 10TH. SHE WAS A DEDICATED AND EXTREMELY INVOLVED  
19 TEACHER FOR THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR MANY  
20 YEARS. SHE WAS A DEVOTED MEMBER OF HER CHURCH, CONGREGATIONAL  
21 CHURCH OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER  
22 MEMORY HER DAUGHTER, DEBRA BOUTTE-LEWIS; SON-IN-LAW, DAVID;  
23 TWO GRANDCHILDREN; HER COUSIN, ARCHIE LEWIS; ALONG WITH A HOST  
24 OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND DR. ARMONDO T. MORALES, THE  
25 BROTHER-IN-LAW OF MY FORMER DEPUTY, PATRICIA TORRES. HE WAS A



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1 PROFESSOR FOR THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT U.C.L.A.  
2 NEUROPSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL. HE PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 12TH AFTER  
3 A LONG ILLNESS. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, DR.  
4 CYNTHIA TORRES-MORALES; SONS, GARY AND ROLANDO MORALES; AND  
5 DAUGHTER, CHRISTINA MORALES. AND DR. SAUL NIEDORF, PSYCHIATRIC  
6 CONSULTANT AND CONVENER OF THE INTERAGENCY SCREENING AND  
7 PLACEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR  
8 MORE THAN 25 YEARS. HE PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 17TH AT THE AGE OF  
9 77. IN ADDITION TO HIS ROLE AS A CONSULTANT, DR. NIEDORF ALSO  
10 MAINTAINED AN ACTIVE PRACTICE WITH SPECIAL INTEREST IN  
11 CHILDREN FROM CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS,  
12 REFUGEES, WOMEN'S ISSUES AND OTHER UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS. HE  
13 LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY A HOST OF COLLEAGUES, FAMILY AND  
14 FRIENDS. AND FINALLY, VERNELL CRAWFORD WALKER, LONG-TIME  
15 SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT AND MOTHER-IN-LAW OF JACKIE DUPONT-  
16 WALKER, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 17TH AT THE AGE OF 89. SHE  
17 LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER CHILDREN, BUFORD RICE-WALKER,  
18 GROVER PULLIAM-WALKER, VOLANDIA WALKER-DEIL, AND DANIEL ARTHUR  
19 WALKER. THREE SISTERS, 12 GRANDCHILDREN, 24 GREAT-  
20 GRANDCHILDREN ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SO  
21 ORDERED. THANK YOU ON ITEM 26. ARE YOU DOING THAT?

22

23 **LARI SHEEHAN:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S LARI  
24 SHEEHAN, DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND I HAVE WITH ME THE  
25 REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE



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1 REVIEWED S.B.-1618 AND WE HAVE TAKEN INFORMATION FROM THE FIRE  
2 DEPARTMENT, REGIONAL PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS AND OUR  
3 RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE OPPOSE S.B.-1618 UNLESS AMENDED TO  
4 PRESERVE EXISTING LOCAL FUEL MODIFICATION PLANS AND GENERAL  
5 PLAN ELEMENTS DESIGNED TO REGULATE HOW PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT IS  
6 SITUATED IN HIGH FIRE HAZARD ZONES AND/OR ENVIRONMENTALLY  
7 SIGNIFICANT AREAS. BOTH THE REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND  
8 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. AND FOR YOUR  
9 INFORMATION, S.B.-1618 WILL BE HEARD BEFORE THE SENATE NATURAL  
10 RESOURCE COMMITTEE ON APRIL 8TH.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

13  
14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN A PROPERTY OWNER FAILS TO REMOVE BRUSH  
15 AROUND THEIR HOMES, DOES THIS PRESENT A FIRE HAZARD TO THE  
16 FIRE DEPARTMENT?

17  
18 **SCOTT POSTER:** SCOTT POSTER, DEPUTY CHIEF WITH THE L.A. COUNTY  
19 FIRE DEPARTMENT. YES, SIR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IT DOES  
20 CREATE A PROBLEM.

21  
22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DO YOU VIGOROUSLY ENFORCE THE FIRE CODE  
23 WITH RESPECT TO FIRE CLEARANCE? BRUSH CLEARANCE, I SHOULD SAY.



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1   **SCOTT POSTER:** YES SIR. WE DO VIGOROUSLY ENFORCE THE CODE AND  
2   BRUSH CLEARANCE.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN THE CASE OF ENFORCEMENT, IS IT FAIR TO SAY  
5   THAT SOME PROPERTY OWNERS ARE PREVENTED OR DELAYED FROM  
6   CLEARING BRUSH DUE TO EXISTING STATE LAW OR BY ORDER OF STATE  
7   AGENCIES?

8

9   **SCOTT POSTER:** IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE HAVE A VERY GOOD FUEL  
10   MODIFICATION PROGRAM. IT'S EXEMPLARY, AND IT'S A MODEL FOR THE  
11   STATE. WE DON'T PREVENT PEOPLE FROM CLEARING BRUSH ON THEIR  
12   OWN LAND. WE DO OCCASIONALLY RUN INTO PROBLEMS WHEN THEIR LAND  
13   IS ABUTTING TO STATE AND FEDERAL PROPERTY.

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IF THE REQUIREMENT IS TO HAVE 300 FEET OR  
16   200 FEET? OR 300 FEET BRUSH CLEARANCE?

17

18   **SCOTT POSTER:** IT'S 200-FOOT IN A VERY HIGH HAZARD ZONE ON  
19   IDENTIFIED PROPERTIES.

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THERE ARE TIMES WHEN A PERSON IS UNABLE TO  
22   CLEAR BRUSH FROM THEIR SINGLE RESIDENTIAL HOME BECAUSE OF A  
23   STATE AGENCY PROHIBITION?

24



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1   **SCOTT POSTER:** ON OCCASION, WHEN WE REQUIRE 200-FOOT BRUSH  
2   CLEARANCE AND THERE SHOULD BE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE OR  
3   FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT COMPROMISES THAT 200 FEET, IT CAN BE  
4   DIFFICULT TO CLEAR THAT. THERE ARE PROCEDURAL WAYS TO MAKE  
5   THAT OCCUR BUT IT IS A HARDSHIP OFTENTIMES FOR THE HOMEOWNER.

6

7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WERE ANY OF THESE STRUCTURES DESTROYED OR  
8   DAMAGED IN THE RECENT FIRES IN SANTA CLARITA VALLEY OR MALIBU  
9   OR OTHER PARTS OF OUR COUNTY OR STATE?

10

11   **SCOTT POSTER:** I'M NOT SURE IF THE STRUCTURES THAT WERE DAMAGED  
12   WERE DUE TO THAT PARTICULAR REASON THIS YEAR.

13

14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THEY WERE DAMAGED?

15

16   **SCOTT POSTER:** POSSIBLY. I HAVE TO REVIEW THE REPORT, SIR.

17

18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT BEFORE YOU CAME HERE?

19

20   **SCOTT POSTER:** I COULD LOOK AT IT. I DO HAVE THE REPORT ON MY  
21   DESK.

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DID YOU WORK ON THIS LEGISLATION?

24

25   **SCOTT POSTER:** PARDON ME?





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DID YOU WORK ON THE ANALYSIS OF THIS  
3 LEGISLATION?

4

5 **SCOTT POSTER:** YES, SIR.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DID YOU WORK ON THE ANALYSIS OF THE  
8 LEGISLATION WITH KNOWLEDGE AS TO PARTICULAR HOMES THAT WERE  
9 DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN THE RECENT FIRES?

10

11 **SCOTT POSTER:** NO, SIR. WE WERE LOOKING AT THE ENDANGERED  
12 SPECIES AND WE WERE LOOKING AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
13 PORTIONS OF THE SENATE BILL 1618.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD THE FAILURE TO REMOVE BRUSH ENDANGER A  
16 HOME, OR EVEN WORSE, PROMOTE THE SPREAD OF WILDFIRE FROM ONE  
17 HOME TO ANOTHER?

18

19 **SCOTT POSTER:** YES, SIR.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YET YOU DIDN'T REVIEW THE RECENT HOMES  
22 THAT WERE DESTROYED IN THE FIRES?

23

24 **SCOTT POSTER:** SIR, WE DID A DAMAGE ASSESSMENT ON ALL OF THE  
25 HOMES ON A CANYON AND THE CORRAL AND THE BLUFF FIRES LAST



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1 YEAR. I COULD COME BACK TO YOU AND GIVE YOU EXACT REASONS WITH  
2 ALL OF THEM. WE WENT THROUGH EVERY SINGLE HOUSE AND HAVE  
3 PICTURES ON EVERY PROPERTY.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. BUT YOU'RE SAYING THAT  
6 CURRENTLY A HOMEOWNER COULD BE PREVENTED FROM HAVING A BRUSH  
7 CLEARANCE OF THE REQUIRED CLEARANCE THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
8 MANDATES BECAUSE OF A STATE AGENCY OR A STATE LAW?

9

10 **SCOTT POSTER:** YES, SIR. THERE COULD BE DIFFICULT FOR A  
11 HOMEOWNER, WHEN THEIR LAND ADJOINS STATE OR FEDERAL PROPERTY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT DO YOU TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT WHEN YOU  
14 ISSUE THE REQUIREMENT?

15

16 **SCOTT POSTER:** WHEN WE ISSUE THE BRUSH CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT TO  
17 A HOMEOWNER, WE HAVE THEM CLEAR THEIR PROPERTY TO THEIR  
18 PROPERTY LINE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO THEIR PROPERTY LINE.

21

22 **SCOTT POSTER:** IF THERE SHOULD BE COASTAL COMMISSION PROPERTY,  
23 WE HAVE, THERE'S A PROCESS IN PLACE TO HAVE THE COASTAL  
24 COMMISSION ALLOW US, BY A PERMIT, TO CLEAR SOME OF THE BRUSH  
25 ON COASTAL COMMISSION PROPERTY.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO AS THE COASTAL COMMISSION GIVES YOU  
3 PERMISSION EVERY TIME TO ENSURE THAT THE HOMEOWNER COULD HAVE  
4 THE CLEARANCE OF 200 FEET FROM THEIR HOME?

5

6 **SCOTT POSTER:** SIR, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT EVERY TIME. I KNOW THERE  
7 IS A PROCESS IN PLACE FOR HAVING US BE ABLE TO CLEAR OR THE  
8 HOMEOWNER CLEAR SOME LANDS, COASTAL SAGE, ON COASTAL  
9 COMMISSION PROPERTY OR COASTAL COMMISSION REGULATED BRUSH ONCE  
10 THE PERMIT PROCESS GOES IN PLACE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THAT COASTAL COMMISSION PERMIT INCLUDES  
13 BRUSH THAT IS ON A HOMEOWNER'S PROPERTY?

14

15 **SCOTT POSTER:** CHIEF TODD IS OUR CHIEF OF FORESTRY, AND HE'S  
16 ASSISTING ME WITH THAT QUESTION.

17

18 **CHIEF JOHN TODD:** ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY, THE HOMEOWNERS ARE  
19 FREE TO DO THE CLEARANCE THAT'S NEEDED.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE COASTAL COMMISSION DOESN'T REGULATE  
22 THE RESIDENTS' OWN PROPERTY?

23

24 **CHIEF JOHN TODD:** THE COASTAL COMMISSION WILL APPLY A BRUSH  
25 SURCHARGE FOR REMOVAL OF NECESSARY VEGETATION ON A PARCEL.



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1 THEY ALLOW THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, IF THE HOMEOWNER HAS 200 FEET  
2 OF AREA TO CLEAR ON THEIR PROPERTY, THEY ALLOW THEM TO DO  
3 THAT, BUT THEY WILL CHARGE A SQUARE FOOTAGE SURCHARGE BASED  
4 UPON THE HABITAT DEGRADATION.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THERE'S A FEE, SURCHARGE THAT'S LEVIED ON  
7 THAT PARCEL; BUT THERE'S NOT A DELAY IN THE HOMEOWNER FROM  
8 HAVING THAT BRUSH REMOVED?

9

10 **CHIEF JOHN TODD:** NO. I WOULD ADD, SUPERVISOR, THAT WE TRY TO  
11 DO ALL BRUSH CLEARANCE AND FUEL MODIFICATION ON THE EXISTING  
12 PARCEL. AND WHEN WE'RE GOING TO ENCROACH UPON STATE LANDS OR  
13 OTHER LANDS, WE TRY AND MODIFY OUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAYBE  
14 INCLUDE MORE IRRIGATION, MAYBE REDUCE THE PLANTS IN THOSE  
15 ZONES, OR EVEN BUILD A BLOCK WALL THAT CAN LESSEN THE DISTANCE  
16 BUT STILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY PROTECTION FOR THE STRUCTURE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT COASTAL COMMISSION REGULATIONS WILL NOT  
19 DELAY A HOMEOWNER FROM CLEARING THE BRUSH FROM THEIR HOME?

20

21 **CHIEF JOHN TODD:** THAT'S CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WILL NOT DELAY?

24

25 **CHIEF JOHN TODD:** NO, IT WILL NOT.



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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY ALLOW YOU TO DO THAT? OR A PRIVATE BRUSH  
3 CLEARANCE GROUP?

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5 **CHIEF JOHN TODD:** THEY ALLOW US TO RECOMMEND CLEARANCE OF 200  
6 FEET AROUND STRUCTURES.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEY DON'T PROHIBIT YOU FROM DOING THAT?

9

10 **CHIEF JOHN TODD:** NO, THEY DO NOT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU HAVE TO GET A PERMIT FROM THEM?

13

14 **CHIEF JOHN TODD:** THE HOMEOWNER WOULD NEED TO GET A PERMIT FOR  
15 THE AMOUNT OF SQUARE FOOTAGE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PRIOR TO YOU DOING THAT?

18

19 **CHIEF JOHN TODD:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU CAN'T CLEAR IT AUTOMATICALLY AND THE  
22 COASTAL COMMISSION BILL THEM THAT IT WAS DONE?

23

24 **CHIEF JOHN TODD:** NO. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IS THE HOMEOWNER, WHEN  
25 THEY'RE GOING THROUGH THE APPLICATION PROCESS, OF COURSE THEY



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1 GO THROUGH REGIONAL PLANNING AND ALL THESE VARIOUS DIFFERENT  
2 APPROVALS THAT THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH, ESPECIALLY BUILDING IN  
3 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS --

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THERE ARE DELAYS.

6

7 **CHIEF JOHN TODD:** DURING THAT -- WELL THIS IS DURING THE  
8 BUILDING PROCESS.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW. BUT THERE ARE DELAYS. LIKE WHERE I  
11 LIVE, WE HAVE THE BRUSH CLEARANCE EVERY JUNE. AND WE DON'T  
12 HAVE TO GET ANY AUTHORIZATION. WE DO IT. WE PAY THE PEOPLE WHO  
13 DO IT. IT'S BASICALLY AUTOMATIC. BUT WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME IS  
14 EACH TIME THEY HAVE THIS CLEARANCE, THEY HAVE TO HAVE A  
15 COASTAL COMMISSION APPROVAL? IT IS NOT JUST A BILLING TO THE  
16 PROPERTY OWNER.

17

18 **CHIEF JOHN TODD:** ON THE INITIAL DEVELOPMENT, WHEN YOU'RE FIRST  
19 CLEARING BRUSH TO BUILD THE HOME, AND YOU'RE PUTTING IN YOUR  
20 FUEL MOD OR YOUR BRUSH CLEARANCE ZONES, THAT'S WHEN THE PERMIT  
21 WOULD BE NEEDED.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN THE HOME IS BEING BUILT. I'M TALKING  
24 ABOUT AFTER IT IS BUILT.

25



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1 **CHIEF JOHN TODD:** AFTER IT'S BEEN BUILT, THEN THEY ALLOW US TO  
2 DO OUR CLEARANCE WITHIN THAT 200-FOOT ZONE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO THE C.E.O., WOULDN'T THIS LEGISLATION MAKE  
5 IT EASIER FOR RESIDENTS TO REMOVE BRUSH AROUND THEIR HOMES  
6 RATHER THAN HAVING DELAYS IN HAVING THAT DONE?

7

8 **GINA NATOLI:** SUPERVISOR, GINA NATOLI WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 REGIONAL PLANNING. NOT NECESSARILY.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY?

12

13 **GINA NATOLI:** BECAUSE THERE IS STILL THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING  
14 EITHER A NATURAL COMMUNITIES CONSERVATION PLAN OR AN  
15 INCIDENTAL TAKE PERMIT. AND THAT IS A BUREAUCRATIC PROCESS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THE GOAL OF OUR LOCAL GENERAL PLAN  
18 ELEMENTS AND FUEL MODIFICATION PLANS ARE INTENDED TO PREVENT  
19 THE SPREAD OF FIRE, HOW WOULD THAT LEGISLATION INTERFERE WITH  
20 THAT GOAL?

21

22 **BRUCE MCCLENDON:** WELL, MR. SUPERVISOR, I'M BRUCE MCCLENDON,  
23 I'M THE PLANNING DIRECTOR FOR THE COUNTY. THE PLAN ACTUALLY  
24 PROVIDES FOR A BALANCED CONSIDERATION, MEANING YOU'RE SUPPOSED  
25 TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PUBLIC INTEREST, PUBLIC SAFETY, AS WELL





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1 AS ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS. THIS WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF  
2 TAKING ONE OF THE GOALS AND ELEVATING IT AND MAKING IT THE  
3 PREDOMINANT FACTOR. AND IT WOULD ELIMINATE THE BALANCE, WHICH  
4 WOULD REQUIRE MORE BALANCE CONSIDERATION.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU'RE COMPROMISING SAFETY OF AN INDIVIDUAL  
7 OR AN INDIVIDUAL'S PROPERTY.

8

9 **BRUCE MCCLENDON:** I THINK THAT'S HOW OUR PLANS WORK. THE  
10 GENERAL PLAN HERE IS BALANCED HOLISTIC OVERVIEW. IT DOESN'T  
11 TAKE A GOAL AND MAKE IT MORE IMPORTANT THAN ALL THE OTHER  
12 GOALS. IT REQUIRES A BALANCED CONSIDERATION IN YOUR REGULATORY  
13 PROCESSES. IT DOESN'T PRECLUDE YOU FROM MAKING THE DECISION  
14 EITHER ADMINISTRATIVELY OR LEGISLATIVELY. IT DOESN'T PRECLUDE  
15 YOU FROM DECIDING THAT PUBLIC SAFETY WILL OVERRIDE A  
16 PARTICULAR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE OR CONCERN. BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE  
17 IT MANDATORY, WHICH IS WHAT THIS STATE LEGISLATION WOULD DO,  
18 WHICH WOULD AUTOMATICALLY OVERRIDE THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
19 REGULATION.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT STILL RELATES TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE  
22 CALIFORNIA ENDANGERED SPECIES, THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL  
23 QUALITY ACT AND THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT. IF THESE  
24 EXEMPTIONS ARE FOR BRUSH CLEARANCE AROUND THESE EXISTING  
25 STRUCTURES, WHAT IS THE HARM TO THOSE EXEMPTIONS?



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1

2 **GINA NATOLI:** MR. SUPERVISOR, THERE IS A HARM WHEN YOU REMOVE  
3 THE BENEFIT THAT THESE ACTS PROVIDE FOR PROTECTING NATURAL  
4 RESOURCES.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE CURRENT SYSTEM PLACES A HIGHER VALUE  
7 ON ENDANGERED SPECIES AND HABITAT THAN IT DOES ON AN  
8 INDIVIDUAL'S SAFETY OR HOME?

9

10 **GINA NATOLI:** MR. SUPERVISOR, I WOULDN'T AGREE WITH THAT. I  
11 BELIEVE IF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WERE GIVEN A HIGHER  
12 PRIORITY OR A HIGHER VALUE, THERE WOULD BE NO SUCH THING AS  
13 N.C.C.P.S OR INCIDENTAL TAKE PERMITS. YOU WOULDN'T HAVE THE  
14 OPTION OF REMOVING A SPECIES OR DISTURBING NATURAL HABITAT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT YOU HAVE HERE IS A COMPROMISING OF  
17 PERSONAL SAFETY OR PERSONAL RESIDENCE, RESIDENTIAL HOMES,  
18 STRUCTURES THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED. AND AS WE'VE SEEN IN SAN  
19 DIEGO, WHERE THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION RESIDES WHAT  
20 HAPPENED THERE. I MEAN, BASICALLY WIPED OUT LARGE COMMUNITIES,  
21 AND THEN ORANGE COUNTY AGAIN, WHAT HAPPENED THERE, ALONG WITH  
22 WHAT OCCURRED IN OUR MALIBU MOUNTAINS AND IN THE SANTA CLARITA  
23 VALLEY. WE'VE HAD FIRES IN THE PAST IN OTHER PARTS OF THIS  
24 COUNTY, AS WELL. THIS LEGISLATION, IN MY OPINION, IS AN  
25 ATTEMPT TO ENSURE SAFETY OF THE INDIVIDUALS' FAMILY AND



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1 PROPERTY WOULD BE FOREMOST OVER ANY TYPE OF REGULATORY MANDATE  
2 THAT PREVENTS THEM FROM CLEARING THEIR BRUSH TO PROTECT THEM  
3 FROM A FIRE. BUT THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS AN IDEA. AND THAT'S WHY WHEN IT  
8 FIRST CAME UP, I WANTED TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT IT. IT'S  
9 AN IDEA THAT'S CLOAKED IN A RATIONAL OBJECTIVE, BUT IT DOESN'T  
10 HAVE RATIONAL CONCLUSIONS. AND I THINK THE RECOMMENDATION THAT  
11 YOU'VE MADE SYNTHESIZES THE INTERESTS OF FIRE SAFETY WITH THE  
12 INTERESTS OF PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT. LORD KNOWS I'M NOT A  
13 DEFENDER OF THE BEHAVIOR OF THE COASTAL COMMISSION ON A WHOLE  
14 HOST OF THINGS. AND I DON'T NEED TO REPEAT THAT TODAY. BUT I  
15 ALSO DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR TO BLAME EVERY ILL IN THE WORLD OR  
16 TO MANUFACTURE ILLS AND BLAME THEM FOR IT WHEN THEY'RE NOT  
17 RESPONSIBLE FOR IT. THIS BILL WOULD ALLOW AN ENDANGERED  
18 SPECIES TO BE DESTROYED IN ORDER TO DO BRUSH CLEARANCE IF  
19 CERTAIN PRECONDITIONS WERE MET. AND IT WOULD DECLARE THAT  
20 DESTROYING AN ENDANGERED SPECIES FOR BRUSH CLEARANCE IS NOT A  
21 SIGNIFICANT IMPACT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
22 ACT. MY UNDERSTANDING OF MY PART OF THE COUNTY, WHICH IS  
23 PRETTY INTENSE, IS THAT THE -- AND IT MAY NOT BE THE CASE IN  
24 EVERY SINGLE INSTANCE, BUT IN THE LION'S SHARE OF THE  
25 INSTANCES, I DIRECT THIS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THAT MOST OF



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1 THE VEGETATION THAT IS WITHIN 200 FEET OF STRUCTURES THAT NEED  
2 TO BE CLEARED FOR FIRE SAFETY, WHICH IS NOT ONLY STATE --  
3 THESE ARE OUR LAWS, THESE ARE OUR REQUIREMENTS, OUR  
4 ORDINANCES, THAT MOST OF THE VEGETATION THAT WE FIND TO BE  
5 FIRE HAZARDS ARE NOT ENDANGERED SPECIES, IS THAT CORRECT? MOST  
6 OF IT IS CHAPARRAL, IS IT NOT?

7

8 **CHIEF JOHN TODD:** THAT'S CORRECT SUPERVISOR.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EUCALYPTUS TREES. ARE EUCALYPTUS TREES  
11 ENDANGERED SPECIES IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS?

12

13 **CHIEF JOHN ODD:** NO. AND THEY'RE NOT NATIVE, EITHER.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY'RE NOT NATIVE EITHER. AND PINE TREES  
16 WHOSE NEEDLES DROP ALL YEAR LONG ON PEOPLE'S WOOD SHAKE ROOFS  
17 OR OTHER ROOFS AND THEN EXPLODE IN A FIRE STORM, PINE TREES  
18 AREN'T AN ENDANGERED SPECIES UP THERE, EITHER, RIGHT?

19

20 **CHIEF JOHN TODD:** NO, THEY'RE NOT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THE LYON'S PENTACHAETA, WHICH HAPPENED  
23 TO BE A NEW PHRASE IN MY VOCABULARY OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS  
24 GINA, THANKS TO YOU. THE LYON'S PENTACHAETA, WHICH IS AN  
25 ENDANGERED SPECIES, IS NOT A FIRE HAZARD, IS IT?



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2 **GINA NATOLI:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU CAN BARELY SEE THE DARN THING, LET ALONE  
5 BURN IT. WHAT THIS BILL APPEARED TO BE, AFTER CLOSER REVIEW,  
6 IS THAT IN THE NAME OF FIRE SAFETY, IT WAS EVISCERATING SOME  
7 OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE IN THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT AND  
8 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. IT JUST WENT BEYOND,  
9 SPEAK FOR MYSELF, WHAT I THINK IS REASONABLE. AND I DO THINK  
10 IT'S REASONABLE THAT WHEN IT COMES TO CLEARING BRUSH AROUND  
11 STRUCTURES IN THE FIRE HAZARD AREAS, WHETHER IT'S IN THE SANTA  
12 MONICAS OR IN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT, WHICH HAS  
13 SUFFERED AS GREATLY IF NOT MORE THAN WE HAVE THIS LAST YEAR,  
14 THAT THE CLEARANCE, THE 200-FOOT CLEARANCE, THAT FIRE SAFETY  
15 NEEDS TO BE PREEMINENT. BUT I DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO GO  
16 BEYOND FIRE SAFETY AND RUN ANOTHER AGENDA UP THE FLAGPOLE,  
17 WHICH IS TO START TO DISMANTLE THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL  
18 QUALITY ACT, THE COASTAL ACT. I BELIEVE THAT IF YOU WANT TO  
19 CHANGE THE COASTAL ACT OR THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
20 ACT, DO IT FRONTALLY. LET'S LET THE LEGISLATURE BE STRAIGHT  
21 ABOUT IT, AND SAY WE PROPOSE TO WEAKEN ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, AND  
22 NOT CLOAK IT IN THIS STUFF. WE'VE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE FIRE  
23 DEPARTMENT'S PERSONNEL ON THIS, I KNOW MY STAFF HAS. AND  
24 YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED, MORE THAN CONVINCED, YOU'RE  
25 CONFIDENT THAT THE POSITION THAT IS BEING PROPOSED HERE FOR US



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1 TO TAKE TO OPPOSE THIS LAW UNLESS IT REFLECTS SOME OF THE  
2 ISSUES THAT ARE CONTAINED IN YOUR REPORT IS MORE THAN ADEQUATE  
3 TO DEAL WITH OUR FIRE SAFETY AND BRUSH CLEARANCE NEEDS, IS  
4 THAT YOUR TESTIMONY?

5

6 **SCOTT POSTER:** YES, SIR.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE  
9 STAFF. I THINK THEY DID A GOOD JOB. AND WE CAN ALWAYS, IF IT  
10 PROVES NOT TO BE ADEQUATE, WE CAN ALWAYS REVISIT THIS ISSUE.  
11 BUT ONCE WE -- I WOULDN'T WANT THE COUNTY TO LEND ITS NAME TO  
12 SOMETHING THAT GOES BEYOND WHAT WE NEED TO DO. AND I THINK  
13 THIS IS A RESPONSIBLE MIDDLE GROUND THAT HAS BEEN STAKED OUT  
14 BY THE STAFF.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND? I'LL SECOND.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST SAY IN CLOSING THE ARGUMENT, ANY  
19 TIME YOU NEED A PERMIT, THERE IS THAT POTENTIAL DELAY. PERMITS  
20 SHOULD BE REQUIRED FOR -- SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED FOR EXISTING  
21 HOMES. BUT ARGUABLY NEW DEVELOPMENTS, THAT'S A DIFFERENT  
22 SITUATION. BUT FOR A DEVELOPED PROPERTY, THE HABITAT SHOULDN'T  
23 BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE INDIVIDUAL'S LIFE AND/OR THE  
24 PROPERTY.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU CALL THE ROLL?

2

3    **SUP. KNABE:** DIDN'T THEY SAY THAT YOU DIDN'T NEED A PERMIT IF A  
4    HOME'S ALREADY BUILT, RIGHT?

5

6    **CHIEF JOHN TODD:** RIGHT. FOR ANNUAL CLEARANCE YOU DO NOT NEED A  
7    PERMIT ONCE THE HOME HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

8

9    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR 200 FEET OR 300 FEET?

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11    **CHIEF JOHN TODD:** FOR 200 FEET. AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I  
12    WOULD JUST SAY THAT WE HAVE ENDANGERED PLANTS IN THE FIFTH  
13    DISTRICT OUT WHERE WE'RE CONSIDERING DEVELOPMENT WITH NEWHALL  
14    LAND THAT WE'RE ALSO WORKING AROUND AND TRYING TO PROTECT,  
15    ALSO.

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17    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? AYE. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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19    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE.

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21    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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23    **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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25    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S APPROVED. THE RECOMMENDATION IS  
9 APPROVED. WOULD YOU DO YOUR ADJOURNMENTS AND THE ITEMS YOU  
10 HAVE?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T KNOW IF YOU DID IT FOR FRANK CLARK?  
13 BUT FRANK CLARK, CONSTITUENT AND FRIEND OF MINE FOR MANY  
14 YEARS, FORMER MEMBER OF THE U.C. BOARD OF REGENTS, HE SERVED  
15 WITH THEM THERE, PASSED AWAY EARLIER THIS MONTH. FRANK WAS A  
16 VERY SUCCESSFUL LAWYER, BUSINESSMAN, HE WAS AN EXPERT IN  
17 TRUSTS. AND, REALLY, KIND OF, I REGARD HIM IN THE BEST SENSE  
18 OF A CLARK CLIFFORD IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. A MAN TO WHOM  
19 PEOPLE TURNED FOR ADVICE AND SAGE ADVICE. AND HE HAD BEEN  
20 AROUND A LONG TIME AND LIVED IN HOLMBY HILLS. HE WAS A GREAT  
21 FRIEND AND GREAT CONSTITUENT. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
22 DOROTHY. I'LL GET THE INFORMATION TO THE BOARD SECRETARY. I  
23 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE WAS ONE OF MY SUPPORTERS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS. HE WAS REALLY AN EXPERT IN  
7 TERMS OF HEALTH, INCIDENTALLY.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. U.C. HEALTH.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** U.C.L.A. HOSPITAL AND EVERYTHING ELSE, AND  
12 THE KIDNEY ISSUE.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE IS A WING OF THE HOSPITAL AT U.C.L.A.  
15 THAT'S NAMED AFTER HIM BECAUSE OF HIS GENEROSITY AND  
16 INVOLVEMENT. HEALTH WAS A BIG DEAL FOR HIM.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. SO ORDERED. ALL MEMBERS.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE IN THE WAY OF  
21 ADJOURNMENTS.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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1    **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS.  
2    FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BEATRICE MOORE  
3    DOUGLAS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 16TH AT THE AGE OF 85. SHE  
4    WAS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS "MA" TO HER CHILDREN AND HER  
5    GRANDCHILDREN, AND WAS THE MATRIARCH OF HER FAMILY. SHE  
6    ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS, COOKING,  
7    AND BLUES MUSIC. SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
8    HER EIGHT CHILDREN, BILLY, SHIRLEY, JOHN, CHARLES, BENNY,  
9    DAVID, MICHAEL, GENEVA; THREE STEP-CHILDREN; SIBLINGS,  
10    MARILYN, ELIZABETH, AND JOE; HER SISTER-IN-LAWS, MARY AND  
11    JOANNE. MANY GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-  
12    GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. SHE IS THE BELOVED MOTHER OF A DEAR  
13    FRIEND OF MINE, MR. JOHN MOORE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
14    OF MERVIN KING, RETIRED CAPTAIN OF LOS ANGELES POLICE  
15    DEPARTMENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 18TH AT THE AGE OF 93. HE  
16    WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF ALHAMBRA AND WAS A FATHER OF  
17    WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, TOM KING. HE SERVED ADMIRABLY IN  
18    THE PACIFIC THEATER DURING WORLD WAR II. JOINED THE POLICE  
19    DEPARTMENT IN 1946 AND WAS APPOINTED CAPTAIN IN 1970. HE  
20    RETIRED AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,  
21    PAULINE; HIS CHILDREN, TERRY, TOM AND KATHY; NINE  
22    GRANDCHILDREN AND FIVE GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE  
23    ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PAT LANPHEAR, A 55-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE  
24    CITY OF PARAMOUNT. SHE WAS A VERY ACTIVE COMMUNITY MEMBER IN  
25    OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH, A MEMBER OF THE ALTAR



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1 SOCIETY, THE WOMEN'S CLUB IN PARAMOUNT, THE FRIENDS OF THE  
2 LIBRARY, AND OTHER COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. SHE WILL BE SORELY  
3 MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SIX  
4 CHILDREN AND 15 GRANDCHILDREN. GREAT LADY. ALSO THAT WE  
5 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LLOYD NYBERG, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE  
6 CITY OF LAKEWOOD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 58 YEARS,  
7 PATRICIA; CHILDREN, KATHLEEN, DEBBY, DONNA, DANIEL, AND  
8 PATRICK; 11 GRANDCHILDREN; FIVE GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN; AND MANY  
9 NIECES, NEPHEWS AND FRIENDS. AND THAT WE ALSO ADJOURN, FINALLY  
10 IN MEMORY OF MR. BOB TURNER, A LONG-TIME FOURTH DISTRICT  
11 RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE WAS BORN IN LONG BEACH,  
12 RAISED IN BELLFLOWER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LINDA; SONS,  
13 CHIP, TIGER, JOHN, AND DAVID; AND STEPSON, ZACHARY. THOSE ARE  
14 MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS?

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, I DON'T.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS,  
21 ANY ITEMS YOU HAVE?

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THE FOLLOWING, IN MEMORY OF  
24 DEBBI WOOD, WHO WAS FROM LA VERNE. MANY OF YOU MAY HAVE MET  
25 HER IN THE PAST. SHE WAS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FIREFIGHTER



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1 CANCER SUPPORT NETWORK'S "WELLNESS COORDINATOR" SINCE THAT  
2 PROGRAM'S INCEPTION. SHE NOT ONLY SERVED OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
3 SHE ESTABLISHED THE "WELLNESS COORDINATOR" POSITION. SHE WAS  
4 DEDICATED TO REACHING OUT TO FIRE SERVICE MEMBERS WHO WERE  
5 FACING CANCER JUST LIKE SHE HAD BEEN. AND SHE PROMOTED THE  
6 IDEA OF COMFORTS, THE IDEALS OF COMFORT, STRENGTH AND HOPE.  
7 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, STEVE; HER SON, DANIEL; HER  
8 DAUGHTERS, KELLI AND NIKKI; AND HER PARENTS, GEORGE AND  
9 BARBARA; HER BROTHER, JERRY. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING  
10 HER. AS WE KNOW THIS IS A VERY GOOD GROUP THAT WE HAVE IN OUR  
11 FIRE DEPARTMENT. I KNOW MICHAEL DURBIN WAS THE ONE WHO HELPED  
12 INITIATE IT, A FIREFIGHTER. AND MANY OF OUR CANCER SURVIVORS  
13 ARE ABLE TO RETAIN THEIR HIGH LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM AND  
14 WORK IN SUPPORT, WORKING FULL-TIME AT OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND  
15 DEBBI WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BEING THE COORDINATOR OF THIS CANCER  
16 SUPPORT NETWORK. RICHARD HECHT, WHO WAS A VETERAN PROSECUTOR  
17 FOR 34 YEARS WITH OUR L.A. COUNTY'S DISTRICT [ATTORNEY'S]  
18 OFFICE. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE CIVIL INTELLIGENCE AND  
19 ORGANIZED CRIME UNIT. HE HAD BEEN PROMOTED TO BRANCH DIRECTOR,  
20 LATER SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF SPECIAL CENTRAL  
21 OPERATIONS BEFORE HE HAD RETIRED. ROY JOHNSTON, A STRUCTURAL  
22 ENGINEER WHO SHAPED A SKYLINE AND DEVELOPED A SEISMIC BUILDING  
23 CODES IN OUR COUNTIES, A FOUNDING PARTNER OF THE STRUCTURAL  
24 FIRM BRANDOW AND JOHNSON. HE PRACTICED HIS PROFESSION FOR OVER  
25 67 YEARS. AMONG THOSE PROJECTS THAT HE BUILT WAS OUR L.A.



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1 COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND OUR OWN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION ALONG  
2 WITH MANY OTHER BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. JOSEPH LYOU,  
3 WHO PASSED AWAY. HE WAS A WORLD WAR II VETERAN, BORN IN LOS  
4 ANGELES IN 1919. HE SERVED IN THE ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II AND  
5 A GRADUATE OF U.S.C. AFTER THE WAR. HE OWNED THE PACIFIC  
6 BOWLER NEWSPAPER IN 1977 AND WAS THE EDITOR UNTIL 1988. THAT  
7 WAS A PAPER THAT HE HAD PURCHASED. FOR THE NEXT 15 YEARS HE  
8 WAS THE WRITER ABOUT BOWLING IN HIS "TENPIN SLANTS" COLUMN AND  
9 TWO-TIME PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOWLING WRITERS'  
10 ASSOCIATION, A MEMBER OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MEN'S BOWLING  
11 HALL OF FAME. HIS SON IS DR. JOE LYOU, WHO SERVES WITH ME ON  
12 THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD. PATRICIA METKOVICH  
13 PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 28TH. SHE WORKED WITH THE AEROSPACE  
14 CORPORATION IN EL SEGUNDO AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY ON  
15 THE SUCCESSFUL SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER  
16 HUSBAND, JOHN METKOVICH; AND FOUR DAUGHTERS AND TWO GRANDSON.  
17 AND JOHN AT ONE TIME WAS ONE OF OUR PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL  
18 PLAYERS ALONG WITH HIS BROTHER GEORGE, WHO HAD PLAYED FOR THE  
19 MILWAUKEE BRAVES AND CHICAGO CUBS AND MANAGED THE OAKLAND OAKS  
20 AND THE SAN DIEGO PADRES. WILLIAM TOMANOVICH, HE WAS A RETIRED  
21 AIR FORCE COLONEL, MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE  
22 DEPARTMENT, WHERE HE SERVED AS SERGEANT, AND A MEMBER OF OUR  
23 CITY THAT I REPRESENT, THE ALHAMBRA PLANNING COMMISSION. AND  
24 HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE WEST SAN GABRIEL BOARD OF REALTORS, AS  
25 WELL. HE PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY ON MARCH 17TH AND HE LEAVES HIS



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1 CHILDREN, CANDY AND GINGER. MAURICE ARAND II, RETIRED  
2 LIEUTENANT FROM OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.  
3 HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS AT THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND FRANK  
4 ELLIOTT, RETIRED SERGEANT FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
5 DEPARTMENT, HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS IN OUR NORWALK STATION.  
6 THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. IF THERE'S NOTHING, WE HAVE AN  
9 11 O'CLOCK ITEM. THE TIME OF 11 HAVING ARRIVED. REPORT BY THE  
10 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER I'M SORRY.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S 11 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE.

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14 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME'S

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16 **TYLER MCCAULEY:**, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER FOR THE NEXT FOUR  
17 DAYS.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THIS IS A TERRIBLE WAY TO SAY GOODBYE.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE SEWAGE SPILL.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE'LL REMEMBER THIS.

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1   **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** WITH ME TODAY IS DEWITT ROBERTS, WHO WAS  
2   RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FIRST STUDY OF THE SEWER SPILLS, AND ALSO  
3   THE FOLLOW-UP STUDY FOR WHICH WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY. AND  
4   DR. FIELDING, OF COURSE. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO MAKE A COUPLE OF  
5   COMMENTS. IN JANUARY 30TH OF '07, WE ISSUED OUR SEWAGE SPILL  
6   REPORT. YOUR BOARD REQUESTED THAT WE FOLLOW IT UP IN A YEAR.  
7   AND THE REPORT WE ISSUED ON MARCH 8TH OF '08 WAS THAT FOLLOW-  
8   UP REPORT. AND GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE FOLLOW-UP REPORT  
9   INDICATED REALLY GOOD PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE  
10   RECOMMENDATIONS. SO IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, I'D BE HAPPY TO  
11   TAKE THEM.

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13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE QUESTIONS?

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15   **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. FIRST OF ALL, IT WAS  
16   AN EXCELLENT REPORT. I APPRECIATE ALL YOUR EFFORTS. AND  
17   OBVIOUSLY I THINK THE RESULTS ORIGINALLY IN GETTING A.B.-800  
18   PASSED AND SIGNED WITH -- WAS GOOD FOR ALL OF US. I HAVE ONE  
19   QUESTION. DOES THE 2007 DATA THAT RECORDED ALL THE SPILLS OVER  
20   LOCAL WATER, DOES IT ALSO INCLUDE THE SPILLS THAT HAPPENED  
21   OVER DRY LAND?

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23   **DEWITT ROBERTS:** SUPERVISOR, WHAT IS REPORTED IN -- WHAT'S  
24   CONTAINED IN THE REPORT ARE ALL SPILLS THAT HAD BEEN REPORTED  
25   TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE. IT WOULD PERHAPS INCLUDE SPILLS



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1 NOT ONLY ON THE SURFACE, BUT ALSO SPILLS THAT ENTERED STORM  
2 DRAINS THAT MADE THEIR WAY TO THE OCEAN. BUT IT'S ALL THE  
3 SPILLS THAT WERE REPORTED TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE.

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5 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** SUPERVISOR, OF THE LARGE SPILLS, THOSE WITH  
6 GREATER THAN 1,000 GALLONS, THERE WERE 83 OF THE TOTAL 780 AND  
7 41% WERE CONTAINED AND NEVER REACHED THE OCEAN.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** GOOD. DID YOU, JONATHAN, YOUR DEPARTMENT, WERE YOU  
10 ABLE TO -- WAS YOUR DEPARTMENT ABLE TO RESPOND TO ALL THE  
11 CALLS THAT CAME THROUGH THE COUNTY OPERATOR?

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13 **JOHNATHAN FIELDING:** YES, SIR, SUPERVISOR. WE WERE ABLE TO  
14 RESPOND. AND WE HAVE AN AUDIT TRAIL. BECAUSE WHEN WE RESPOND,  
15 WE RESPOND BACK TO THE COUNTY OPERATOR, SO THERE IS A CLEAR  
16 AUDIT TRAIL OF HAVING RESPONDED.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN OVERWHELMING. I  
19 MEAN, OBVIOUSLY THE SUCCESS IS MEASURED BY THE NUMBER OF CALLS  
20 AND THE UPDATED DATA. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, BEING ABLE TO  
21 VALIDATE IT, I'VE GOT A BRIEF EMAIL HERE THIS MORNING FROM THE  
22 CITY OF LONG BEACH AND THEIR PUBLIC HEALTH FOLKS, THANKING US  
23 FOR ALL THE ACTIONS, OBVIOUSLY, PARTICULARLY IN LONG BEACH, AS  
24 THEY ARE THE RECIPIENT OF MANY DOWN RIVER SPILLS. SO THEY  
25 APPRECIATE THE ACTIONS OF BOTH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER,



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1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AS WELL AS THIS BOARD. SO, AGAIN,  
2 WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT'S BEEN DONE. I DO HAVE A MOTION,  
3 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND I HAVE A MOTION THAT I WOULD LIKE  
4 TO ADD AS A RESULT OF THIS REPORT. OVER THE LAST 14 MONTHS,  
5 THIS BOARD HAS TAKEN ACTION TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM SEWAGE  
6 SPILLS. THIS BOARD TOOK VERY DECISIVE ACTION TO SIGNIFICANTLY  
7 IMPROVE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS BY JOINING WITH A GOOD FRIEND  
8 OF L.A. COUNTY, ASSEMBLYMAN TED LEWIN, SPONSORING ASSEMBLY  
9 BILL 800, WHICH LED TO NOT JUST COUNTYWIDE IMPROVEMENTS, BUT  
10 STATEWIDE. IN ADDITION, THIS BOARD ASKED THE AUDITOR-  
11 CONTROLLER'S OFFICE TO COME BACK ONE YEAR LATER WITH A FOLLOW-  
12 UP REPORT IN CONSULTATION WITH OUR COUNTY AND PUBLIC HEALTH  
13 COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION. AND IT WAS TO  
14 INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER ACTIONS NEEDED. THE  
15 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S ONE YEAR FOLLOW-UP REPORT, NOW PUBLIC,  
16 CONTAINS SOME VERY GOOD NEWS. FIRST OF THE OF ALL, COUNTY  
17 AGENCIES FULLY IMPLEMENTED THEIR PARTS OF 15 OF THE 16  
18 RECOMMENDATIONS. HOWEVER, FIVE OF THESE REQUIRE FURTHER ACTION  
19 BY OTHER JURISDICTIONS. THE INTER-JURISDICTIONAL COOPERATION  
20 HAS BEEN TERRIFIC. WE PARTICULARLY WISH TO COMMEND AND THANK  
21 THE CITIES OF LONG BEACH, LOS ANGELES, PASADENA, CULVER CITY,  
22 VERNON, OUR REGIONAL WATER CONTROL BOARD, OUR CALIFORNIA  
23 ASSEMBLY MEMBER TED LEWIN AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND  
24 GOVERNOR. ALSO INTERESTED COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY  
25 HEAL THE BAY AND SANTA MONICA BAY KEEPER HAVE CONTRIBUTED GOOD



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1 IDEAS AND EFFORT AND SUPPORT. IT'S ALSO EVIDENT THAT THE  
2 COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH GAVE FOCUSED AND HIGH  
3 PRIORITY ATTENTION AND LEADERSHIP IN REPAIRING A VERY BROKEN  
4 REPORTING SYSTEM. AND WE WANT TO SAY WELL DONE ON THAT  
5 PARTICULAR EFFORT. AND THANKS TO THESE VERY COOPERATIVE AND  
6 CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORTS, THE SPILL REPORTING AND RESPONSE SYSTEM  
7 IS NOW SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER, MEANING THE PUBLIC NOW GETS  
8 TIMELY WARNING AND PROTECTION FROM EXPOSURE TO POTENTIALLY  
9 CONTAMINATED WATER. THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER NOW PROPOSES SEVEN  
10 NEW RECOMMENDATIONS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN OUR REPORTING SYSTEM  
11 AND TO FURTHER PURSUE THE 2007 PREVENTION IDEAS, AND THESE  
12 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE WORTHY OF OUR SUPPORT. BUT THE SPILL DATA  
13 NOW IN HAND MAKES IT CLEAR THAT A MORE AMBITIOUS PREVENTION  
14 EFFORT IS NEEDED, AS WELL, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE SAME  
15 INTER-JURISDICTIONAL COOPERATION THAT LED TO THE IMPROVEMENTS  
16 IN REPORTING NOW FOCUSING ON ALL IT CAN DO ON PREVENTION AND  
17 REDUCE THE NUMBER AND VOLUME, AS WELL, OF SEWAGE SPILLS  
18 ORIGINATING HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO ZEV AND I THEREFORE  
19 MOVE THAT WE ADOPT -- ONE, WE ADOPT THE SEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS  
20 IN THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S MARCH 3RD, 2008 REPORT. TWO, THAT  
21 WE INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. WITH THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THE  
22 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS TO WORK WITH  
23 OTHER SEWAGE SYSTEM OPERATORS, THE L.A. WATER BOARD AND OTHER  
24 AFFECTED LOCAL JURISDICTIONS IN ORGANIZING A VOLUNTARY  
25 INTERAGENCY SPILL PREVENTION PROGRAM. AND, B, USE EXISTING



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1 REPORTING SYSTEM TO MONITOR AND ANALYZE REDUCTIONS OVER TIME  
2 IN THE NUMBER AND MAGNITUDE OF SPILLS. AND FINALLY, INSTRUCT  
3 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY'S  
4 PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION, TO CONDUCT ONCE AGAIN A FOLLOW-UP  
5 ONE YEAR REVIEW FROM NOW ON ALL RECOMMENDATIONS AND OPEN AND  
6 REPORT BACK AS A SET ITEM ON THIS BOARD'S AGENDA, AS WELL,  
7 TOO. SO THAT WOULD BE OUR MOTION. AND WE'D ASK FOR YOUR  
8 APPROVAL.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE AND SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
11 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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13 **JONATHAN FIELDING:** SUPERVISOR, IF I MAY, I JUST WANT TO  
14 ACKNOWLEDGE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE REALLY DONE THE VERY HARD WORK  
15 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TERRENCE POWELL. TERRENCE,  
16 JUST SO THEY KNOW WHO YOU ARE, YOU CAN PUT YOUR HAND UP. AL  
17 MEDINA AND ERIC EDWARDS. THEY HAVE WORKED TERRIBLY HARD ON  
18 THIS AND THEY DESERVE A LOT OF THE CREDIT. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY. JOB WELL DONE BY ALL. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY THANKS.

23

24 **JONATHAN FIELDING:** AND THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WONDERFUL RETIREMENT.

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3    **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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5    **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO AMEND MY MOTION TO REPORT BACK IN FOUR  
6    DAYS. [LAUGHTER.]

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8    **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** HEY, NO FAIR.

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10    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS GOING TO ASK. DID YOU INCORPORATE THE  
11    90-DAY DEAL? CAN WE GET REPORTS BACK FROM THEM ON A QUARTERLY  
12    BASIS?

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14    **SUP. KNABE:** WE MOVED IT WITHOUT THAT BUT NO PROBLEM.

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16    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULD YOU JUST ACCEPT AT THAT AS A--

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18    **SUP. DON KNABE:** AMENDMENT THAT WE GET QUARTERLY REPORTS.

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20    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO WE DON'T HAVE TO REOPEN IT TO DO THAT.

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22    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FRIENDLY SLIP-IN. I'LL MOVE THAT WE  
23    RECONSIDER.

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25    **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PUT THAT IN.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE QUARTERLY REPORTS AND THEN KNABE WILL  
7 MOVE IT. RIGHT?

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED AS AMENDED.  
10 IS THERE ANYTHING FURTHER BEFORE PUBLIC COMMENT?

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC COMMENT.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PUBLIC COMMENT. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP CHARLES  
15 SIMPSON, DR. CLAVREUL, AARDE ATHEIAN. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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19 **AARDE ATHEIAN:** MY NAME IS AARDE ATHEIAN. I'M REPRESENTING TWO  
20 NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ONE IS CALLED FATHERS FOR JUSTICE, THE  
21 OTHER IS AMERICAN FAMILY RIGHTS ASSOCIATION. THERE ARE SEVERAL  
22 MEMBERS FROM THAT SECOND ORGANIZATION HERE TODAY AND A FEW OF  
23 THEM SPOKE, I UNDERSTAND. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE MADAME  
24 CHAIR.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** I'M TAKING HER PLACE RIGHT NOW UNTIL SHE COMES  
2   BACK.

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4   **AARDE ATHEIAN:** WE ARE TAKING ACTION COMING HERE TO SPEAK  
5   BECAUSE THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE PAPERS THAT THE COUNTY  
6   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ANNUALLY SUBSIDIZES THE SALARIES OF  
7   FAMILY COURT JUDGES BY AN AMOUNT OF \$40,000. THIS IS ON TOP OF  
8   THEIR REGULAR SALARIES OF \$180,000 THAT IS PAID BY THE STATE  
9   OF CALIFORNIA. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS SUBSIDY. WE ALSO  
10   READ FROM THE PAPERS THAT THE COUNTY IS HAVING OR IS LIKELY TO  
11   HAVE A BUDGET CRISIS THIS YEAR ON ACCOUNT OF PROPERTY VALUES  
12   FALLING DOWN. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU VOTE ON A MOTION ON  
13   OUR RECOMMENDATION TO DISCONTINUE THE SUBSIDY, AT LEAST FOR  
14   THIS YEAR. OUR TESTIMONY TO YOU, AS PEOPLE WHO HAVE, ALL OF US  
15   WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE DIVORCE COURT, WHICH IS ONLY  
16   OPERATING ABOUT 200 FEET FROM WHERE WE ARE HERE, OUR  
17   EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT THEY ARE DOING A MOST HORRENDOUS JOB  
18   OF DESTROYING FAMILIES, OF SPREADING DEVASTATION IN OUR  
19   COMMUNITIES, UNNECESSARILY SEPARATING FATHERS FROM THEIR  
20   CHILDREN, AND SERVING THE BENEFIT AND THE INTERESTS OF LAWYERS  
21   ALONE AT THE EXPENSE OF FAMILIES EXCLUSIVELY AND CHILDREN  
22   ESPECIALLY. AND THEY DO THIS ONLY UNDER THE NAME AND UNDER THE  
23   GUISE OF CHILDREN'S INTERESTS, "IN THE INTEREST OF CHILDREN."  
24   AT LEAST THE PAPERS WILL START NOTICING THAT SO MANY OF US  
25   HAVE COME HERE TO THIS BODY DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS THAT



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1 I'M AWARE OF AND HAVE SPOKEN AND BITTERLY COMPLAINED ABOUT THE  
2 WAY THIS BODY OF DIVORCE JUDGES IS CONDUCTING THEIR BUSINESS,  
3 WHICH IS TYPICAL OF THE NATIONAL STATUS CONDITION. BUT AT  
4 LEAST WE MAY START ALLEVIATING THAT. I AM AWARE THAT WHAT THEY  
5 DO ALSO BENEFITS THE COUNTY FINANCIALLY. WHEN I LOSE MY HOUSE,  
6 I HAVE TO SELL IT. THE COUNTY GETS 20,000 MORE IN TAXES. MY  
7 TIME IS EXPIRED.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK THAT WE ALL  
10 GOT THE MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESENTATION. CHARLES SIMPSON AND  
11 DOCTOR CLAVREUL? ARNOLD SACHS, WHY DON'T YOU START COMING UP.  
12 MRS. THAYER AND KEVIN CALL. KEVIN CALL AND MRS. THAYER? IS DR.  
13 CLAVREUL STILL HERE, OR IS SHE GONE? OKAY. CHARLES SIMPSON?  
14 MRS. THAYER? ALL RIGHT. KEVIN CALL, IS COMING UP. PLEASE STATE  
15 YOUR NAME. MR. SIMPSON

16

17 **KEVIN CALL:** MY NAME IS KEVIN CALL FOR THE RECORD. MY CONCERN,  
18 COUNCIL, IS THAT IT'S ABOUT THE CRIMINAL SYSTEM HERE IN LOS  
19 ANGELES. FOR MYSELF, I KNOW I SPENT 21 YEARS IN PRISON MYSELF.  
20 I CAME OUT TO BE PRODUCTIVE EVEN AFTER 21 YEARS IN PRISON.  
21 TODAY I GOT MY OWN BUSINESS AND I DO AS A CITIZEN HERE IN THE  
22 CITY OF LOS ANGELES TRYING TO HELP THE YOUTH, THE TROUBLED  
23 YOUTH. LAST WEEK I WAS IN THE CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING THERE  
24 AND I HAD PROCEEDED TO GO THROUGH THE TRIAL WITH MY BROTHER.  
25 MANY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE KILLED ON THE STREETS OF THE CITY



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1 OF LOS ANGELES EVERY DAY. I'M NOT TOO PROUD OF THAT BECAUSE I  
2 KNOW THAT TODAY I CAN BE A MODEL FOR THOSE BECAUSE I KNOW  
3 WHERE I CAME FROM. BUT WHAT I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHEN I WAS IN  
4 THE COURT SYSTEM, WATCHING MANY PEOPLE BE RAILROADED THROUGH  
5 THE SYSTEM BECAUSE A LACK OF MONEY, A LACK OF RESOURCES TO SEE  
6 IF THE PEOPLE WAS REALLY GUILTY. YOU KNOW, A GOOD LAW IS A  
7 JUST LAW. BUT AN UNJUST LAW IS LIKE NO LAW AT ALL. IF WE WANT  
8 TO CHANGE THAT, IT COSTS US MORE TO PUT PEOPLE IN PRISON THAN  
9 IT DO TO EDUCATE THEM. AND WE ALWAYS TALK ABOUT THE MONEY THAT  
10 WE SPEND, HOW THE DEFICIT HAS HIT US, HOW THE MARKET STUFF HAS  
11 HIT US, AND WE AIN'T DOING NOTHING TO SEE THAT THE SYSTEM IS  
12 TAKING DOWN INNOCENT PEOPLE. WHEN I WENT, I KNOW THAT I WAS  
13 GUILTY OF WHAT I WENT FOR. AND I CAN STAND ON THAT TODAY. BUT  
14 I CAN SAY I SAT IN THE COURTROOMS THERE AND I WATCHED THE  
15 D.A.S GO OUT THERE TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND HOW THEY  
16 COERCED WITNESSES INTO GETTING UP THERE TO SAY THAT A PERSON  
17 IS GUILTY OF A CRIME THAT REALLY AIN'T COMMITTED THE CRIME  
18 BECAUSE THE EVIDENCE DIDN'T EVEN FIT THE CRIME. SO I COME  
19 TODAY HOPING THAT WE CAN HEAR SOMETHING THAT CAN REALLY LOOK  
20 INTO THE COURT SYSTEM SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO SEND OUR YOUNG  
21 PEOPLE TO PRISON FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIFE, SO THAT WE CAN  
22 SHOW THEM THAT THERE IS A WAY OUT AND THEY CAN MAKE IT HERE.  
23 THAT'S WHAT IT'S ABOUT. BUT I APPRECIATE YOU GUYS LETTING ME  
24 COME OUT TODAY TO BE ABLE TO SHARE THIS WITH YOU THAT I'M SURE



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1 I WILL COME AGAIN. AND I JUST THANK YOU GUYS FOR HAVING AN EAR  
2 TO HEAR ME, THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MRS. THAYER AND  
5 THEN ARNOLD SACHS AND CHARLES SIMPSON. CHARLES SIMPSON.  
6 CHARLES SIMPSON IS NOT HERE. ETHEL LEE JOHNSON, PLEASE COME  
7 UP. PLEASE STATE YOUR FULL NAME.

8

9 **TRICIA THAYER:** I'VE REINVENTED MYSELF. IT'S MS. THAYER.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR FIRST NAME IS MISS?

12

13 **TRICIA THAYER:** JUST TRICIA.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **TRICIA THAYER:** JUST TRICIA. ANYWAY, GREETINGS, HONORABLE  
18 SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE BECAUSE THE PROBLEM HASN'T GONE AWAY,  
19 THE PROBLEM OF THE ABUSE OF TATIANA CLARK, AT --. SO IN THE  
20 BEGINNING, JOHNNY SANDERSON, THE E.R. WORKER, DIDN'T EVEN ASK  
21 MY CHILDREN ABOUT THE ABUSE. THE DEPARTMENT HAD MADE UP ITS  
22 MIND THAT I AS AN "OFFENDING PARENT," QUOTE/UNQUOTE, WHICH IS  
23 WHAT YOU ARE ONCE YOU'VE HAD YOUR CHILDREN REMOVED. IN OTHER  
24 WORDS, THE SECOND CLASS CITIZEN BECAUSE DUE TO ECONOMIC  
25 REASONS I LOST MY CHILDREN, WAS OF SUCH LOW MIND, WAS ON SUCH



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1 A LOW LEVEL THAT I JUST MADE THIS WHOLE STORY UP IN ORDER TO  
2 MANIPULATE THE SYSTEM. NEVER MIND THE FACT THAT I DIDN'T NEED  
3 TO DO THIS, I WAS JUST BUSILY WORKING ON MY APARTMENT, WHICH  
4 WAS THE ONLY PREREQUISITE TO MY CHILDREN BEING RETURNED. THIS  
5 IS HARDLY AN INVESTIGATION. AND ON A BIGGER PICTURE, I SEE  
6 LIKE THIS IS LIKE BLANKET POLICY? I SEE HOLES IN THAT POLICY.  
7 BIG GIANT HOLES. LIKE WHAT IF I'M TELLING THE TRUTH? BECAUSE  
8 AS YOU KNOW I BROUGHT YOU A COPY OF THE SHERIFF'S REPORT. AND  
9 I TALKED TO THAT DEPUTY RIVERA. AND SHE STATED "OH YEAH, I  
10 REMEMBER THAT CASE. OH YEAH, THEY SAID THAT YOU JUST MADE ALL  
11 OF THAT UP BECAUSE YOU WERE TRYING TO GET YOUR KIDS BACK." IN  
12 OTHER WORDS, THEY DIDN'T LISTEN TO ANYTHING ABOUT ABUSE. THEY  
13 DIDN'T CARE THAT A CHILD IS BEING KICKED, PUNCHED, DRAGGED  
14 DOWN THE HALLWAY AND HAVING HER HEAD BANGED ON THE FLOOR  
15 BECAUSE I'M THE REPORTING PERSON. LIKE I SAID, I'M A SECOND  
16 CLASS CITIZEN BECAUSE I'VE LOST MY CHILDREN. NOT BECAUSE I WAS  
17 AN IRRESPONSIBLE PARENT, NO OFFENSE, MRS. MOLINA, AND I'VE  
18 NEVER DONE DRUGS OR ALCOHOL IN MY LIFE. SO THAT'S WRONG, RIGHT  
19 THERE, I'M JUST SAYING. BUT FOR WHATEVER REASON, I KNOW WHY I  
20 LOST MY CHILDREN. IF I TOLD YOU, YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T BELIEVE  
21 ME. BUT IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH BEING AN IRRESPONSIBLE  
22 PARENT. ANYWAY, SO BECAUSE OF THAT -- BUT JUST BECAUSE I LOST  
23 MY CHILDREN, THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN I'M A SECOND CLASS CITIZEN.  
24 AND SO I COULD SAY SOMEBODY IS BEING MURDERED AND THEY  
25 WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME, I GUESS. I DON'T REALLY THINK THAT'S TRUE



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1 BECAUSE ACTUALLY I HAVE A LOT OF VERACITY IN PASADENA AND THE  
2 MAYOR AND OTHER PEOPLE, SOME PEOPLE IN HIGHER PLACES. BUT THE  
3 DEPARTMENT APPARENTLY JUST CHECKS IT IF YOU'RE -- IT'S LIKE  
4 PUTTING SOMEBODY IN A BIG CLASS. YOU WOULDN'T LIKE IT IF  
5 SOMETHING DIDN'T LIKE YOU IF YOU WERE HISPANIC OR BLACK. LIKE  
6 PUTTING SOMEBODY IN A CLASS, "ALL OF THESE PEOPLE ARE BAD  
7 PEOPLE." IS THE MAIN POINT.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. MR. SACHS  
10 AND THEN MS. JOHNSON AND REVEREND ROBERT MARCIVSKA. OH, I'M  
11 SORRY. ROBERT MARCIVSKA. DO YOU KNOW WHAT? THE WAY IT WAS  
12 WRITTEN, IT LOOKED LIKE REV. BUT IT WAS R CROSSED OUT AND THEN  
13 ROBERT. ALL RIGHT. MR. SACHS?

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
16 NORMALLY, I'D USE THIS TIME TO BRING UP SOME ITEMS ABOUT  
17 M.T.A., BUT I WON'T TODAY. I'D JUST LIKE YOU TO INCLUDE IN  
18 YOUR ADJOURNMENTS THE FACT THAT 4,000 SOLDIERS AND SERVICE  
19 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED OR DIED IN THE -- DUE TO THE INSANITY  
20 IN IRAQ. AND IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED THAT THE WHEELS ARE  
21 TURNING TOWARDS 5,000.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DANIEL GARCIA AND VICTOR  
24 ALEGERIA? YES, MRS. JOHNSON? STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

25



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1   **ETHEL LEE JOHNSON:** YES, MY NAME IS ETHEL JOHNSON, LEE JOHNSON.  
2   FIRST THING IS, I'M NOT FEELING TOO WELL RIGHT NOW. BUT I'M  
3   HERE ON A MATTER OF MY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. I HAVE  
4   A HEARING. FIRST I WAS DENIED AND NOW I HAVE A HEARING FROM  
5   WASHINGTON DC, WHICH IS A B.V.A. HEARING. AND THE REASON I PUT  
6   IT IN BECAUSE I WAS DENIED. BUT I'M ALSO IN THE SECOND  
7   DISTRICT. AND ALL OF Y'ALL'S DISTRICTS AS YOU SAY, MRS. GLORIA  
8   MOLINA. BUT YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THE  
9   SAME PROBLEMS WITH OUR CHILDREN, OUR GRANDPARENTS AND  
10   EVERYTHING ELSE. ALSO I'M ON THE CORRECTIONAL DEPARTMENT AS  
11   FAR AS HELPING INMATES, EX-CONS AND EX-FELONS GET OUT OF JAIL,  
12   WHICH IS FRIENDS OUTSIDE, FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. BUT RIGHT NOW  
13   I'VE SPENT ALMOST 30-SOME YEARS AND I'M READY TO RETIRE. IT'S  
14   A LOT OF STRESS ON ME RIGHT NOW AND I'M READY TO ALSO RETIRE  
15   FROM COMING FROM OVERSEAS OVER IN THE GULF WAR. THE ONLY THING  
16   I CAN SAY, I CAN ONLY SAY A FEW THINGS TODAY, BUT PLEASE  
17   RECOGNIZE, RECOGNIZE THAT WE ALL, TOGETHER HERE, AS COUNTY,  
18   CITY, EVERY TIME I TURN AROUND, I'M ON SOME KIND OF, I'M ON  
19   THE CITY BOARD OF REDEVELOPMENT. AND RIGHT NOW I'M IN A LITTLE  
20   MOBILE TO MYSELF. I GO TO THE FIFTH DISTRICT, WHICH IS MR.  
21   ANTONOVICH, THE BEST PERSON IN THE WORLD. LANCASTER, SANTA  
22   CLARA, I JUST GO. MY FAMILY'S OUT THERE. BUT IT'S SOMETHING,  
23   OTHER PEOPLE TREAT YOU BETTER THAN YOUR OWN. AND ALL I CAN DO  
24   IS BRING SOME MORE INFORMATION BACK. BUT I JUST WANT TO LET  
25   YOU KNOW THAT IN OUR AREA, THEY DO HAVE EX-CONS AND EX-FELONS.





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1 BUT THEY ARE RAPISTS. THEY DIDN'T TELL THE PUBLIC. I THINK  
2 THEY SHOULD TELL THE PUBLIC SO WE CAN HELP THEM. IF THEY CAN'T  
3 DO WHAT'S RIGHT, HEY, BOOM, BACK IN THERE YOU GO. OKAY? I'M  
4 TIRED OF LISTENING TO THE SAME OLD THING. IF YOU CAN'T DO  
5 RIGHT, THEY TOLD US, HEY IF YOU CAN'T DO RIGHT, GO ON BACK.  
6 IT'S RIGHT TO PUT THEM BACK IN THERE IF THEY AIN'T GOING TO DO  
7 RIGHT. BUT IF THEY'RE GOING TO BE RESTRUCTURED AND GET THEIR  
8 SELF TOGETHER, THEN THEY HAVE TO ACT LIKE IT. WE'RE NOT NO  
9 HEATHENS. I COME FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING'S AREA. THEY CLOSED  
10 IT DOWN AND EVERYTHING ELSE. THAT'S MY HEALTH. MY HEALTH HAS  
11 BEEN IN DANGER FOR 10 YEARS, OR RISK AND THE SENIORS THERE.  
12 BUT I CAN'T BRING YOU BACK INFORMATION DAY IN AND DAY OUT DO  
13 YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING? THE ONLY THING I CAN DO IS GET YOU  
14 INFORMATION THE BEST WAY I CAN. BUT RIGHT NOW I GOT A HEARING  
15 RIGHT NOW WITH WASHINGTON, D.C. AND WE GOT AN ELECTION. I  
16 CAN'T HARDLY SAY NOTHING NOW. BUT THAT YOU'RE THE COUNTY. AND,  
17 YOU KNOW, JUSTICE IS JUSTICE. I'M MORE INTERESTED IN EDUCATING  
18 THEM. YOU KNOW, I GOT TEENAGERS, THEY BEEN IN JAIL, TOO. BUT  
19 GRANNY TELL THEM, "HEY, IF YOU WANT TO LIVE LIKE THAT, DON'T  
20 DRAG THEM DOWN." OTHER PEOPLE, IF YOU CHOOSE TO LIVE LIKE  
21 THAT, YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T CHOOSE TO LIVE LIKE I AM, BUT MY  
22 RESOURCES, THE RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE IN THERE, WE WORKED  
23 HARD, WE SACRIFICED FOR EVERYTHING WE HAD IN MARTIN LUTHER  
24 KING. DO YOU KNOW WHERE I'M SITTING THERE? I AM IN A MOBILE  
25 HOME. I DON'T HAVE NO SECTION 8. THEY'RE TRYING TO TAKE EVERY



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1 NICKEL AND DIME I GOT. I HAD A HEARING WITH THE V.A., THEY  
2 SENT ME OVER TO THE WAR AND EVERYTHING.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

5

6 **TRICIA THAYER:** THAT'S OKAY. IF YOU SEE ME, YOU KNOW I'M GOING  
7 FORWARD.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ROBERT MARCIVSKA.

10

11 **ROBERT MARCIVSKA:** YES. MY NAME IS ROBERT MARCIVSKA. I'VE BEEN  
12 HERE THE PAST TWO WEEKS. I'D FIRST LIKE AN EXPLANATION FOR THE  
13 CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WHY WASN'T THE MEETING  
14 ADJOURNED AT 12 O'CLOCK? STATE LAW, CALIFORNIA STATE LAW SAYS  
15 AT 12 O'CLOCK IT HAS TO BE ADJOURNED.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT MAYBE WHAT YOU COULD DO IS  
18 SHARE WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL THE SECTION.

19

20 **ROBERT MARCIVSKA:** I WILL DO THE REVIEW IN THE LAW LIBRARY.  
21 SECOND, I'D LIKE TO MEET AGAIN WITH MIKE ANTONOVICH CONCERNING  
22 POLICE BRUTALITY. JUST TODAY WHEN I TRIED TO COME INTO THIS  
23 HALL, THOSE DOORS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE OPEN. CALIFORNIA STATE  
24 LAW MANDATES THAT THOSE DOORS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE OPEN. I HAD  
25 MY BAG. CALIFORNIA LAW SAYS THAT THOSE ARE INSPECTED. THEY



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1 CAN'T TOUCH IT. THEY CAN LOOK AT IT. THEY SAID I COULDN'T  
2 BRING MY WATER IN OR MY CELERY JUICE. THEY MADE ME LEAVE THAT  
3 OUT. IT'S REASONABLE THAT I CAN'T EAT IN HERE. WE DON'T WANT  
4 PEOPLE BRINGING MCDONALD'S, BURGER KING OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT  
5 IN. BUT I'M ENTITLED TO BRING IT IN. AND IT'S NOT ON MY  
6 PERSON. I DON'T KNOW IF SOMEONE'S TAMPERING IT OR NOT.  
7 THIRDLY, I WANT TO MEET WITH MIKE ANTONOVICH AGAIN ABOUT THE  
8 ATTEMPTED MURDER IN THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL. HIS HEALTH DEPUTY  
9 WAS SUPPOSED TO SPEAK TO ME. HE WROTE OUT A STATEMENT. HE  
10 DIDN'T SIGN IT. STATE LAW SAYS THAT HE HAS TO SIGN IT ON  
11 STATIONERY FROM THE COUNTY. AS OF NOW, I WANT TO MEET WITH  
12 MIKE ANTONOVICH IN PERSON. I'LL GO UP TO HIS OFFICE ON THE  
13 EIGHTH FLOOR AND WAIT IF NEED BE. THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS  
14 MATTER AND APPARENTLY THE BOARD'S NOT ADDRESSING IT. I ASK  
15 THAT IT BE ADDRESSED NOW. I'M NOT MENTALLY ILL. I'VE BEEN  
16 SCROLLED. AND I AM BEING SCROLLED NOW. WHY SEQUESTERING  
17 HAPPENING IN COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS WAS STATED LAST WEEK AND THE WEEK PRIOR TO  
20 THAT, YOUR CASE IS IN THE COURT. WE DON'T HAVE ANY CONTROL  
21 OVER THE COURT OVER YOUR CASE RELATIVE TO WHAT OCCURRED AT THE  
22 SAN GABRIEL MISSION. AND ALL WE CAN DO IS WAIT FOR THE COURT  
23 CASE TO BE ADJUDICATED.

24



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1   **ROBERT MARCIVSKA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT THE ARRAIGNMENT TOOK  
2   TWO MONTHS. THERE WAS NO OFFICER PRESENT. THE CONSTITUTION OF  
3   THE UNITED STATES SAYS THAT IT HAS TO HAPPEN SPEEDILY. NOT TWO  
4   MONTHS. THE REASON I WANT TO MEET WITH YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH, IS  
5   TO TALK TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ABOUT THE ATTEMPTED MURDER  
6   UNDER COLOR OF AUTHORITY, PASSING DEATH ANNULMENT. SECOND, THE  
7   VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS. THIRD, SEXUAL ASSAULT THAT OCCURRED  
8   TO ME WHEN I WAS ARRESTED. MY RIGHTS WERE NEVER READ. NUMEROUS  
9   TIMES I'VE TRIED TO TALK TO YOU. AND THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO DO  
10  IS JUST TALK.

11

12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOUR ISSUE WITH THE WAY YOU WERE  
13   ARRESTED, WE DON'T HAVE THE CONTROL OVER THAT. YOU HAVE TO  
14   TALK TO YOUR LAWYER.

15

16   **ROBERT MARCIVSKA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. I WILL.

17

18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHO IS REPRESENTING YOU. YOU HAVE COUNSEL,  
19   RIGHT?

20

21   **ROBERT MARCIVSKA:** AS OF PRESENT, I PROBABLY DO. THE THING IS,  
22   I WANT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO INVESTIGATE. THAT'S WHY  
23   MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC COME BEFORE THIS BOARD, TO SEEK  
24   ASSISTANCE FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GET THEIR ASSISTANCE TO  
25   WORK WITH THE COUNTY. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.



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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT ON THAT CASE, BECAUSE IT INVOLVES THE  
3 COURT, IT INVOLVES YOUR ARRAIGNMENT IN THE COURT --

4

5 **ROBERT MARCIVSKA:** BUT ALSO CIVIL RIGHTS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN APRIL, THAT ISSUE WILL BE RESOLVED OR  
8 CONTINUED WITH YOUR LAWYER'S PARTICIPATION AS TO HOW TO  
9 PROCEED IN THAT CASE. WE DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY HERE, ANY OF  
10 THE SUPERVISORS, TO SAY THAT WE CAN INTERFERE WITH A --

11

12 **ROBERT MARCIVSKA:** I DON'T ASK FOR INTERFERENCE. I JUST ASK  
13 THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY CONTACTS ME. I WENT DOWN TO THE  
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SHERIFF DEPUTIES TOLD ME TO GO  
15 OUT. TO LEAVE THE BUILDING AND COME BACK THE NEXT DAY OR WORDS  
16 TO THAT EFFECT. I WASN'T ARRESTED. I ASKED IF I WAS ARRESTED.  
17 THEY SAID NO. I CONTACTED YOUR OFFICE ABOUT ACCESS. THEY SENT  
18 OUT A LETTER. IT SAID ROBERT PALMER MARCIVSKA, HOW DID THOSE  
19 DEPUTIES KNOW AT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY MY NAME IS PALMER? MY  
20 NAME IS NOT PALMER. MY MIDDLE NAME IS PAUL. THAT'S WHY I WANT  
21 TO TALK WITH YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. BUT AGAIN, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHO IS  
24 PROSECUTING THE CASE, IN ORDER FOR YOU TO TALK WITH THAT  
25 INDIVIDUAL, YOU HAVE TO TALK WITH THAT INDIVIDUAL WITH YOUR



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1 ATTORNEY TALKING TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. BECAUSE RIGHT NOW  
2 IT'S IN A COURT OF JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

3

4 **ROBERT MARCIVSKA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. ANTONOVICH, I THINK HIS TIME HAS  
7 ELAPSED.

8

9 **ROBERT MARCIVSKA:** IT'S ACTUALLY BLUSTERING. SORRY. IT'S CALLED  
10 BLUSTERING.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **ROBERT MARCIVSKA:** I'LL SEE YOU NEXT TUESDAY.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DANIEL GARCIA.

17

18 **DANIEL GARCIA:** HI, MY NAME IS DANIEL GARCIA. AND I HAVE INPUT  
19 INFORMATION. I WANTED SOME ASSISTANCE. ARNOLD WILL READ IT. SO  
20 ARNOLD IS GOING TO READ MY INFORMATION.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. HE'S HANDING OUT  
23 SOME PAPERWORK. THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY IS GOING TO BE  
24 HOLDING WORKSHOPS FOR CALIFORNIA TRANSIT SECURITY GRANT  
25 PROGRAM. AND THEY'RE GOING TO BE DOING SOME TRAINING. AND ONE



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1 OF THE THINGS THEY'RE GOING TO BE TRAINING FOR IS PHYSICAL,  
2 BEHAVIORAL, SPEECH, AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS OF PROBABLE  
3 ALCOHOL MISUSE. I THINK WHAT MR. GARCIA WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO  
4 YOUR ATTENTION IS THE FACT THAT ALL TOO OFTEN, PEOPLE WITH  
5 PHYSICAL DISABILITIES AND SPEECH IMPEDIMENTS ARE GROUPED  
6 AUTOMATICALLY. THERE IS NO DIFFERENTIATION IN THE TRAINING  
7 THAT'S GRANTED TO THE WORKERS THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO KNOW  
8 THAT SOMEBODY HAS A SPEECH IMPEDIMENT OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY.  
9 BUT BASED UPON THE TRAINING THAT'S BEING OFFERED, THEY ARE  
10 GROUPED AS MAYBE A DRUG USER OR AN ALCOHOL ABUSER.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK WE UNDERSTAND HIM JUST FINE.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** HE WANTS TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT THIS  
15 TRAINING SHOULD BE ENHANCED SO THAT IF THERE ARE SOME  
16 INDICATORS THAT CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE  
17 PERSONNEL THAT WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS TRAINING, IT IS DONE  
18 IN A WAY THAT PEOPLE WITH A SPEECH IMPEDIMENT OR A PHYSICAL  
19 DISABILITY ARE NOT INSULTED OR MISIDENTIFIED AS BEING UNDER  
20 THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS.

21

22 **DANIEL GARCIA:** AH-HUH. I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT A LOT OF  
23 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES LIKE ME HAVE BEEN STOPPED IN  
24 AIRPORTS. AND A LOT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES LIKE ME HAVE  
25 BEEN STOPPED JUST BECAUSE I WALK DIFFERENTLY, JUST BECAUSE I





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1 LOOK DIFFERENTLY. AND SOME OF THEM JUST BECAUSE I LOOK LIKE  
2 OSAMA BIN LADEN, TOO, THEY HAVE STOPPED ME. SO THAT'S A KIND  
3 OF LABEL OF ETHNICITY THAT I THINK YOU GUYS CAN BE AWARE IN  
4 THE PROPOSITION 1-B, GET THE MONEY TO YOU GUYS SO YOU COULD  
5 HAVE IT IN BETTER PREPAREDNESS FOR THIS POPULATION. THAT'S THE  
6 CASE SCENARIO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. GARCIA, YOU MAY STEP DOWN.  
9 DIDN'T YOU SPEAK ALREADY, MR. SACHS? YES. MR. ALEGERIA? THANK  
10 YOU. AND I'M GOING TO CALL SOME OTHER PEOPLE NOW. BRIAN  
11 BLOOMDALE AND GLORIA TAYLOR.

12

13 **VICTOR ALEGERIA:** HI, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS MR. ALEGERIA, I'M  
14 REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY -- SERVICES, CONSUMER AND -- LOS  
15 ANGELES AND THE SAN GABRIEL AREAS. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF  
16 CONSUMERS WHO FEEL THAT THEY ACCESSIBILITY OF PUBLIC AND  
17 PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION FOR PEOPLE WITH A VARIETY OF  
18 DISABILITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AREAS IS LOS ANGELES AND  
19 SAN GABRIEL COMMUNITIES ARE STILL EXPERIENCING BARRIERS WHILE  
20 USING THE -- ROAD SYSTEM AS WELL AS THE PARATRANSIT SYSTEM.  
21 ONE OF THE BIGGEST BARRIERS THAT THE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
22 WAS THE FACT THAT MANY CONSUMERS WERE PAYING THE PARATRANSIT  
23 SERVICE WHEN THEY WENT FOR THEIR RE-CERTIFICATION CONSUMERS,  
24 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS, STAFF THAT MAKE UP THE C.R.S. EMPLOYMENT  
25 MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS, COMMUNITY MEETINGS, SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, ET



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1 CETERA, AS A RESULT OF THE BARRIERS THEY ARE POSITIVE IS THAT  
2 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SERVICE THAT EMPOWER PEOPLE WITH A WIDE  
3 RANGE OF DISABILITIES TO LIVE, WORK INDEPENDENT, PRODUCTIVE  
4 AND ACTIVITIES DAILY LIFE; HOWEVER, BECOMING INCREASINGLY  
5 DIFFICULT TO ARRIVE THEIR FINAL DESTINATION IN TIMELY FASHION.  
6 INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO ARRIVE THEIR FINAL DESTINATION.  
7 C.R.S. CONSUMER ACCESS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION BY  
8 MONITORING AND RESEARCHING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCESSIBLE  
9 TRANSPORTATION FIRMS SERVING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR ALL  
10 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MISS TAYLOR AND THEN  
13 BRIAN BUNDELL AND MELVIN HIGHTOWER. ARE THEY PRESENT? ALL  
14 RIGHT. YES. MISS TAYLOR?

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16 **GLORIA TAYLOR:** YES, SUPERVISOR MISS BURKE AND MEMBERS OF THE  
17 BOARD. EXCUSE MY VOICE, PLEASE. MY NAME'S GLORIA TAYLOR. I  
18 LIVE AT 3928 SOUTH BRONSON AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, 90008. I'M  
19 HERE TO DISCUSS SENIOR ELDERLY ABUSE IN THE PROBATE COURT. I  
20 AM NOT DEAD, BUT THEY HAVE ME LISTED UNDER A CODE CALLED  
21 DEMENTIA AND BI-POLAR. THERE'S BEEN SOME ERROR. BUT DUE TO  
22 CIRCUMSTANCES, I'M HERE. I WAS GIVEN A CONSERVATOR AND THEN  
23 PLACED INTO 15823 SOUTHWESTERN IN A CONVALESCENT HOME. NO  
24 VISITORS. NO PASS OUTS. NO TELEPHONE CALLS FOR SIX MONTHS. MY  
25 HUMAN RIGHTS, CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, BILL OF RIGHTS, AND



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1 PATIENT RIGHTS WERE ALL BEING VIOLATED. A CONSERVATOR THEN GOT  
2 THE RIGHTS TO SELL REAL ESTATE IN THE AREA YOU JUST SPOKE OF  
3 NEAR 75TH AND BETWEEN AVALON AND CENTRAL. I'VE HAD THAT  
4 PROPERTY FOR 48 YEARS. I DIDN'T WISH TO HAVE IT SOLD. ALL THE  
5 FUNDS NOW HAVE BEEN LIQUIDATED AND THE PROFIT OF 315,000 UNDER  
6 APPRAISED AT 420 HAS ALL BEEN SPENT. THE ATTORNEYS AND THE  
7 HOSPITAL AND CONSTRUCTION HAVE RECEIVED THIS MONEY. AND THE  
8 MONEY THAT WAS RETIREMENT MONEY FOR ME, THE HOME WAS A LEGACY  
9 FOR MY FAMILY, AND IT GAVE ME CASH FLOW FOR MY RETIREMENT  
10 MONEY. NOW THAT I'VE DEPLETED THE FUNDS, THE COURT HAS GIVEN  
11 THEM THE RIGHT TO SELL ANOTHER PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT'S ON  
12 SECTION 8. AND THE PROPERTY HAS MY EQUITY IN IT. I COULD GET A  
13 LINE OF CREDIT. I COULD PAY THE ATTORNEYS UP THEIR FEES AND I  
14 COULD STILL HAVE MY FINANCIAL INCOME THAT GIVES ME CASH FLOW  
15 TO GO WITH MY RETIREMENT MONEY AND LEAVING A LEGACY FOR MY  
16 FAMILY. AND I'M HERE, I'M ASKING FOR MY FREEDOM AND JUSTICE,  
17 EQUALITY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. I AM THE ONLY WOMAN, I  
18 UNDERSTAND, THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO LEAVE YOUR PROBATE COURT. I  
19 HAVE ASKED FOR A JURY TRIAL.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHERE DO YOU RESIDE?

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23 **GLORIA TAYLOR:** I BEG YOUR PARDON?

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON BRONSON?



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2 **GLORIA TAYLOR:** YES, I'M ON BRONSON. BUT I'M IN THE BE WELL  
3 PROGRAM IN INGLEWOOD, WHICH IS A NEW PHILOSOPHY OF NUTRITION,  
4 HEALTH AND POSITIVE THINKING.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE COUNTY COUNSEL SHOULD LOOK INTO THIS.

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8 **GLORIA TAYLOR:** ALSO, I WANTED TO ASK YOU, THERE ARE NO LAWS  
9 SET UP FOR A PERSON TO GET OUT OF PROBATE COURT. THAT WASN'T  
10 SET UP FOR PEOPLE THAT MAYBE WERE HANDICAPPED AND COULD NOT  
11 TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** MA'AM? WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO PROBABLY REFER YOU  
14 TO COMMUNITY SERVICES. I THINK THEIR SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES.  
15 THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU.

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17 **GLORIA TAYLOR:** WELL I'M ASKING NOW IF THE STATE WOULD GIVE ME  
18 FEDERAL AID.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW. BUT WE CAN'T GIVE YOU ANYTHING HERE.

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22 **GLORIA TAYLOR:** BUT I MEAN, I'M ASKING FOR THE STATE  
23 CONTROLLER, THROUGH THE COUNTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT I HAVE AN  
24 AUDIT. AN INVESTIGATION.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** MA'AM, THAT'S WHY WE WANT TO REFER YOU TO THE  
2   DEPARTMENT THAT CAN ASSIST YOU TO HELP YOU WITH THAT. BECAUSE  
3   YOU NEED TO MAKE A CLAIM THERE IN ORDER FOR US TO HELP YOU.

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5   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH, LET'S GET SOMEONE FROM SENIOR  
6   SERVICES. AND ALSO COULD THE COUNTY COUNSEL ASSIST HER?  
7   BECAUSE SHE SAID SHE'S UNDER CONSERVATORSHIP, RIGHT?

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9   **GLORIA TAYLOR:** YES AND MY HANDS ARE TIED. YOU CAN'T DO  
10   ANYTHING. BUT ALSO I'M IN NOW IN THE CIVIL COURT. NO ONE HAS  
11   EVER LEFT YOUR PROBATE COURT. I'M IN CIVIL COURT. CIVIL  
12   COURTROOMS ARE DIFFERENT. YOU CANNOT HAVE A DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
13   ACT IN YOUR BEHALF IN THE PROBATE COURT. YOU CANNOT HAVE --

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15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL CHECK ON THIS, WOULD YOU? DO YOU HAVE  
16   YOUR PAPERS WITH YOU?

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18   **GLORIA TAYLOR:** YES, I DO HAVE SOME PAPERS.

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20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL TAKE A LOOK AT IT  
21   AND HAVE SENIOR SERVICES.

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23   **GLORIA TAYLOR:** MAY I MAKE ONE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COURT IF I  
24   MAY? THE GOVERNOR SUGGESTED A DEPARTMENT BE SET UP FOR  
25   CONSERVATORS AT \$5 MILLION AND IF THEY COULD GET THE MONEY



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1 FROM THE LOTTERY AND ALSO FROM THE BUSINESSES THAT SELL  
2 TICKETS FOR THE LOTTERY, A TAX THEY MIGHT COVER THAT  
3 EXPENDITURE.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAVE SOMEONE CHECK TO SEE WHAT APPEARS IS  
6 THEY'RE GETTING READY TO SELL THEIR PROPERTY THROUGH THE  
7 GUARDIAN. I WOULD THINK IT'S EITHER CONSERVATOR OR THE  
8 GUARDIANSHIP PEOPLE.

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10 **GLORIA TAYLOR:** BUT THE CONSERVATOR WILL NOT GIVE YOU MONEY TO  
11 GET AN OUTSIDE ATTORNEY.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WILL YOU GET SOMEONE AND ALSO SENIOR  
14 SERVICES. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL FOLLOW UP ON  
15 IT. AND OUR STAFF, CAN WE GET, CHUCK, CAN YOU GET SOMEONE? DEL  
16 SHOULD BE THE ONE WORKING WITH HER. ALL RIGHT.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
19 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
20 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBERS CS-1 AND CS-  
21 2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
22 LITIGATION AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL  
23 AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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